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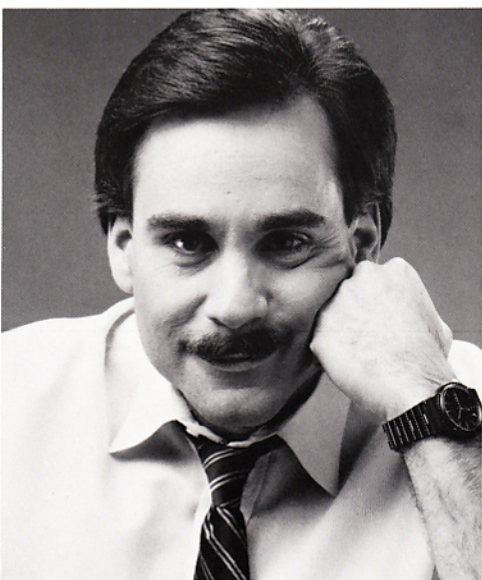
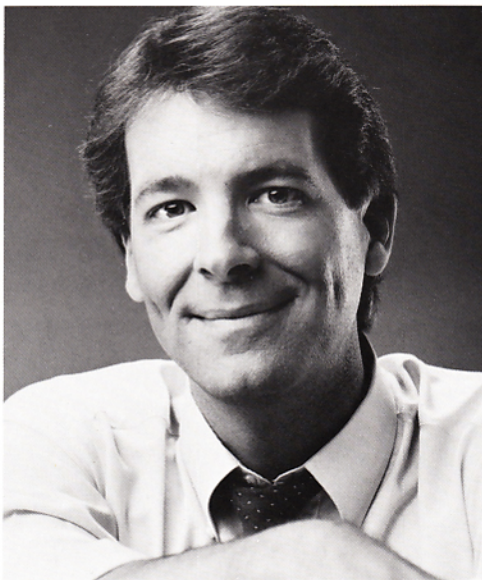
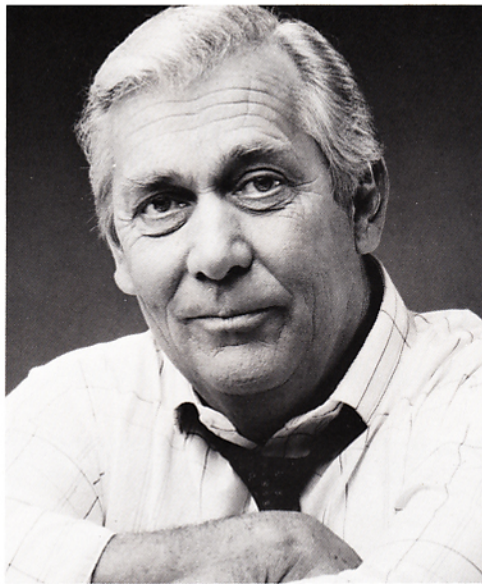
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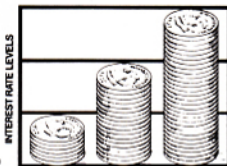


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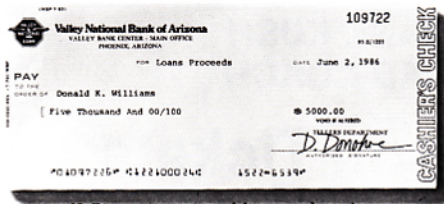
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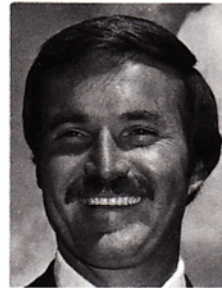
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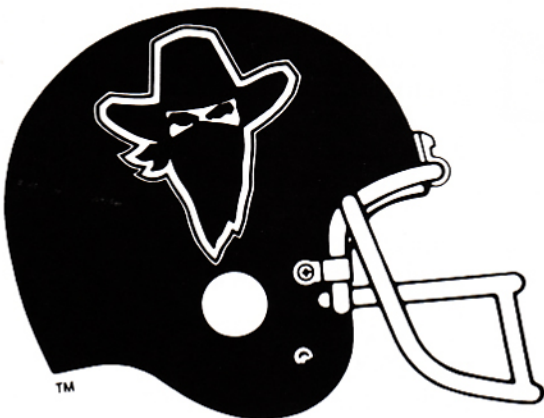
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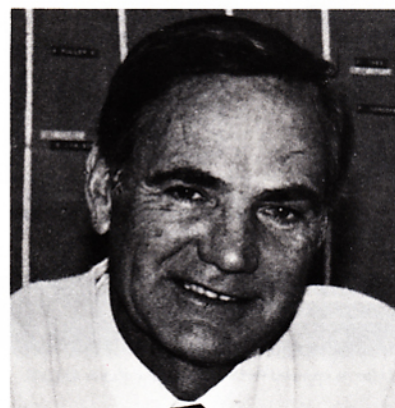
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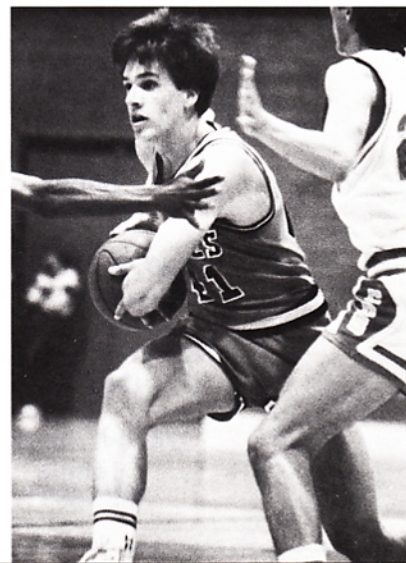
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On New Year's Day, an announced crowd of 72,454, the largest to witness a sporting event in Arizona, watched Nebraska self-destruct in the third quarter and fall to Bo Schembechler's Wolverines.

The Big-8 power took off and left Michigan looking at the short end of a 14-3 halftime score. They played the first half without a mistake.

But in the span of 12 minutes, the Cornhuskers fumbled three times, had a punt blocked and another shanked, and twice was called for pass interference. During the same span Michigan scored 24 points. "Things didn't look good at halftime," admitted Schembechler after the game. "We were not able to stop them and only managed a field goal."

The second half was a nightmare for Nebraska. Tailback Doug DuBose ran into teammate Tom Rathman and fumbled the ball. Three plays later Gerald White dove in and Michigan was on the scoreboard. Less than a minute later they had the ball back. Tackle Mark Messner, the defensive player of the game, recovered another fumble. Moments later QB Jim Harbaugh scored and the Big-10 school led 21-10.

After blocking a Nebraska punt, the Wolverines got three points on a field goal, their second of the game. Nebraska was then called for pass interference in the end zone, and Michigan cashed it in with another QB sneak by Harbaugh.

Then freshman QB Steve Taylor entered the game for the Cornhuskers. He drove Nebraska 77 yards for a score, running for 24 yards and completing a pass for another gain. His 1-yard run completed the drive with less than 3:00 on the clock.

Michigan took an intentional safety with 1:22 left, and Taylor had one last chance to bring Nebraska back. But Michigan's Garland Rivers intercepted Taylor's third-down desperation pass in the end zone and the game belonged to Michigan.

Linebacker Mike Mallory won the Art Bodine Sportsmanship Award, giving Michigan a sweep of the postgame honors. The crowd broke the stadium and state record of 72,345 who watched the Arizona State-Arizona game in November. It also



Quarterback Steve Taylor's 4th quarter heroics weren't enough, and Michigan cashed in on several Nebraska mistakes for a 27-23 win before 72,454 fans. No. 49 is LB Andy Moeller.

broke the Fiesta Bowl mark of 71,053 when Penn State beat USC, 26-10 in 1982.

Other key bowl games that day saw Oklahoma beat Penn State 25-10 in the Orange Bowl to win the national championship; UCLA got four touchdowns from

freshman Eric Ball as the Bruins routed Iowa in the Rose Bowl, 45-28; Tennessee shocked favored Miami 35-7 in the Sugar Bowl, and Texas A&M beat Auburn and Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, 36-16.



The Bears are on a roll. **Phoenix College**, coached by Kenny Stites, blasted top-ranked Butler County, Kansas, 43-13, last November in the annual Valley of the Sun Bowl at Hoy Field.

It was their second consecutive bowl triumph. Two years ago the Bears stunned favored Ricks College of Idaho, 17-16 in the annual classic, which pits the top juco club from the Phoenix metro region against a top-rated invite team. It's great to play at home.

Phoenix has now won or shared five state titles in the past eight years. Last year's club finished 9-1. In 1984 they finished 9-1.

"It was a great year," said Stites, seldom lost for words. "What else can I say. Everybody did a great job. The staff, the players, everybody."

Stites is 69-24-4 since taking over the job from retired Shanty Hogan. Add that to a 25-14-1 log at nearby Maryvale High School, and the Bears' mentor is six wins away from his 100th win as a varsity coach.

Twenty-five lettermen, six which are dandys, three key transfers and a bountiful incoming frosh crop give PC the favorite nod again. Key returnees include QB Scooter Molander (6-2, 190), who passed for more than 1,000 yards in nine games, HB Ken Williams (5-10, 190), TE Greg Clarkson (6-4, 220), DB Anthony Moore (5-10, 190), bro-



(Chris Devito/Scottsdale Progress)

Scottsdale CC halfback Charles Matthews, like most backs from Eloy Santa Cruz, is a good one. The former prep all-stater is back for another year.

For Phoenix College The Rich Get Richer

ther of Detroit Lion halfback Alvin Moore, and linemen Mike Saunders (6-4, 270) and Steve Barnes (6-3, 240).

All six of the above are local products: Molander from Tempe Corona del Sol, Williams from Phoenix Central, Clarkson from Tolleson, Moore from Coolidge, Saunders from Phoenix Washington, and Barnes from Tolleson.

The best of the rest include OT Bill Bradford (6-3, 240), TE Steve Reyes (6-1, 255), OG Bob Vital (6-1, 240), RB Greg Castro (5-9, 220), and OLB David Fuller (6-4, 200). All are former Arizona high school products.

Three impressive newcomers are WR Andre Langley, a former Phoenix St. Mary's receiver, RB Jonas Eldridge, who started three games for Northern Arizona last fall, and OT Bill Jacques, another NAU transfer who prepped at Paradise Valley. Eldridge is from Tucson Cholla.

The cream of the frosh crop includes Tempe McClintock's Wade Jackson and Eric Ballew, Alhambra's David Henderson, Apollo's Mike Lopez, and Trevor Browne's Van Aldridge.

Aldridge may be the most gifted. Trevor Browne's top rusher last fall ran 100 meters in 10.7 seconds during the spring and long jumped 24-feet. Jackson (6-0, 200) is a promising LB, Ballew (6-0, 250) a tough NG, Henderson an all-state center and Lopez an all-state LB.

The local competition includes Mesa, Glendale and Scottsdale, but now the Bears and their friends are in the Western State League, which also includes powerhouses from Snow, Dixie, Ricks, and Eastern Utah. Snow finished 9-0 in league play and won the title.

Mesa has a new coach but an old problem. The Thunderbirds finished near the bottom again. Their 1-8 record was the worst in the school's history. Dan Dunn is now the head man and he hopes to improve the situation.

Dunn, an assistant since 1981, was once the head coach at nearby Gilbert High, winning three Class AA state titles and 103 games in the prep ranks.

Injuries to key players wiped out the T-Birds' chances early. These seven must

stay healthy for Dunn to have a fighting chance: QB Audie McKee (5-11, 180), RB Trevor Lee (6-2, 200), LB Cody Nesbit (6-0, 240), LB Barry Waggoner (6-1, 235), TE Ron Clement (6-5, 235), DL Terrence Vaughn (6-3, 275) and OL Randy Meyer (6-5, 280).

Scottsdale battled through a 5-4 campaign and finished fifth in the WSL. First-year coach Dave Haight got things off on a winning note and could be a strong contender this time around.

The Artichokes have two real blue-chippers that lots of major universities will scout: RB Charles Matthews (6-0, 190), the gifted sophomore from Eloy Santa Cruz, and LB Jim Crane (6-3, 240) from nearby Scottsdale Chaparral.

Other players to watch include QB Brendon McCarty (6-2, 185), RB Kelton Lasley (5-11, 185), OL Mark Evans (6-5, 250), OL Dean Misenhimer (6-3, 290), WR Fred Reed (6-0, 185), LB Derrick Marshall (6-2, 210), LB Anthony Smith (6-0, 215), DB Tony Piazza (6-0, 190), LB Nick Piazza (6-2, 220), CB Tyrone Smith (5-11, 195), CB Darren Lewis (5-8, 175), FS Randy DuBois (6-0, 175) and

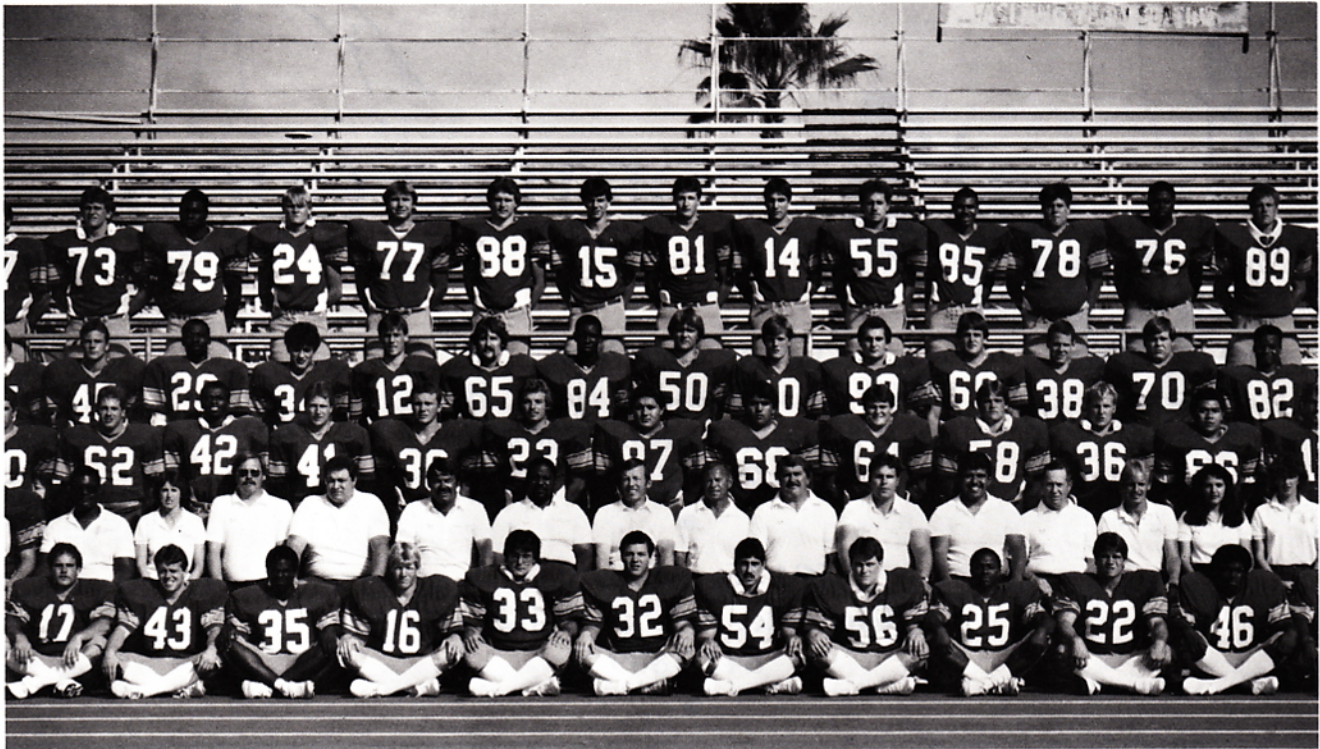


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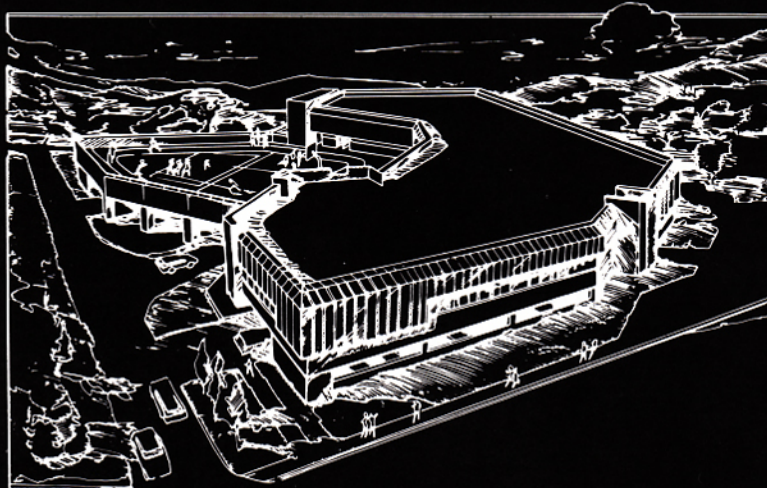
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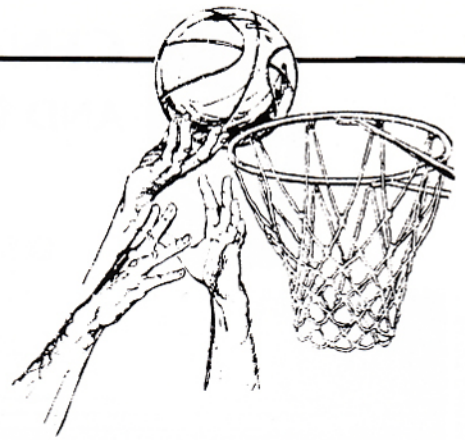
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(Arizona Republic)

St. Mary's halfback Reggie McGill.

This is Phoenix Metro Football's checklist of outstanding varsity players in the Phoenix region for the 1986 prep football season . . .

- QB..Joe Carter, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 210
- QB..Andy Ingram, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 190
- RB..Reggie McGill, St. Mary's, 5-10, 185
- RB..D.C. Coleman, Chandler, 5-10, 180
- WB..T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 6-3, 175
- OG..Ed Kasney, Cactus, 6-2, 210
- OG..Eric Valliere, Dobson, 6-0, 215
- OT..Mark Brunsdale, Westwood, 6-2, 215
- OT..Vince Pershing, Mesa, 6-3, 235
- OC..Scott Boatright, Saguaro, 6-1, 212
- OC..Dennis McCabe, Apollo, 6-2, 220
- OC..Chris Kapilovic, Gerard Catholic, 6-2, 240
- DL..Brent Leavitt, Westwood, 6-2, 215
- DL..Ernie Hart, Thunderbird, 6-5, 275
- DB..Rick Flaherty, Westwood, 6-1, 180
- DB..Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, 6-0, 195
- DB..Rhon McKinney, North Phoenix, 6-0, 155
- DB..Phillip Sparks, Maryvale, 6-0, 170
- LB..Scott Woodford, Corona del Sol, 6-2, 215
- PK..Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 6-0, 150
- P..Darren Tewes, Dobson, 6-0, 160
- P..Scott Reuter, Moon Valley, 6-0, 180

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 Randy Meeker, Chandler, 5-10, 170
 John Reese, Arcadia, 6-3, 220
 Dave Robson, Tempe, 5-10, 170(jr)
 Ben Bloom, Cortez, 6-1, 170
 Aaron Denton, Shadow Mountain, 6-1, 190
 Paul Beitler, Greenway, 6-2, 200
 Joe Carter, Paradise Valley, 6-4, 210
 Brian Hampton, Horizon, 6-1, 180
 Dan Roether, Sunnyslope, 5-10, 160
 Andy Ingram, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 190
 Daron Bethay, Apollo, 5-10, 160
 Clay Fields, Cactus Shadows, 5-9, 150
 Jim Richardson, Mesa, 6-0, 185
 Joel Sing, Trevor Browne, 6-0, 190
 Nick Portonova, Deer Valley, 5-9, 170
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 Roger Gibson, Scott. Christian, 5-10, 160
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 Eric Duggan, Gerard, 5-9, 175
 Lammon Everett, Mesa, 6-0, 180
 T. C. Wright, Tempe, 5-10, 175(jr)
 Derryl Harris, St. Mary's, 5-9, 170
 Nathan Killingback, W. Christian, 5-11, 195
 Spencer Colter, McClintock, 6-0, 175
 John Audsley, Cactus, 5-9, 190
 Darren Woodson, Moon Valley, 6-1, 190
 Conrad Swanson, Apollo, 5-10, 175
 Wil Gonzales, Moon Valley, 6-1, 185
 Steve Lindhorst, Mountain View, 5-9, 170
 Kevin Green, Trevor Browne, 5-10, 170(jr)
 Toby Trejo, Casa Grande, 5-10, 165



centers

Tim Duy, Alhambra, 6-1, 200
 Ed Meza, Cortez, 6-0, 230

Gary Ostendorf, Tempe, 5-10, 185
 Chris Kapilvic, Gerard, 6-2, 240
 Scot Boatwright, Saguaro, 6-1, 212
 Dennis McCabe, Apollo, 6-2, 220



linemen

Brent Leavitt, Westwood, 6-2, 215
 Mark Brunsdale, Westwood, 6-2, 215
 Aaron Gonzales-Johnson, Chandler, 5-11, 200
 Marc Padue, Chaparral, 6-2, 245
 Jeff Evans, McClintock, 6-1, 200
 Robert Scott, McClintock, 6-4, 220
 Mark Bentley, Maricopa, 6-2, 215
 Corey Adams, North Phoenix, 6-3, 230
 Vince Pershing, Mesa, 6-3, 235
 Ernie Hart, Thunderbird, 6-5, 275
 Pat Smith, Independence, 6-1, 205
 Jason Jacobson, Saguaro, 6-1, 185
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 David Musselman, St. Mary's, 6-4, 195
 Clint Dishman, Greenway, 6-2, 205
 Troy Holbert, Phoenix Christian, 6-1, 190
 Ed Kasney, Cactus, 6-2, 210
 Doug Jones, Sunnyslope, 6-0, 190
 John Pavlik, Sunnyslope, 6-2, 220
 David Thomas, Gilbert, 6-0, 210
 Ricky Marquez, Apollo, 6-1, 220
 Brian Smith, Paradise Valley, 5-10, 184
 Troy Shepherd, Paradise Valley, 6-1, 195
 Jim Jacobson, Chaparral, 6-1, 190
 Chuck Pennington, Cortez, 6-1, 185
 Eric Valliere, Dobson, 6-0, 215
 Bryon Hooks, Marcos de Niza, 6-4, 210(jr)



defensive backs

Rick Flaherty, Westwood, 6-1, 180
 Nathan LaDuke, Alhambra, 6-0, 195
 Rhon McKinney, North Phoenix, 6-0, 155
 T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 6-3, 175
 Willy Lira, Marcos de Niza, 6-0, 175
 Sean Roundtree, Westwood, 6-1, 180
 Kevin Scott, St. Mary's, 5-10, 170
 Phillip Sparks, Maryvale, 6-0, 170
 Juan Ross, Apollo, 5-9, 160
 Mark Brakebill, Moon Valley, 5-11, 170
 Kevin Miniefield, Camelback, 5-11, 160(jr)
 Russell Mortensen, Camelback, 5-9, 160(jr)
 Phillip Echeverria, Buckeye, 6-2, 190(jr)
 Curtis Maughan, Coronado, 5-11, 170
 Tait Mitton, Trevor Browne, 5-10, 180



linebackers

Dwight Johnson, South Mtn. 5-11, 202
 Scott Woodford, Corona del Sol, 6-2, 215
 David Dages, Glendale, 6-1, 180
 Rich Scholz, Agua Fria, 5-9, 170
 Joseph Occhiline, Dysart, 5-10, 165
 Darren Brooks, McClintock, 6-2, 210
 Garrett Karstens, Central, 6-1, 195(jr)
 John Pepe, Horizon, 6-0, 200
 Chauncy Ray, St. Mary's, 5-9, 175
 Earl Piper, Buckeye, 5-10, 180
 Wes Spencer, Arcadia, 6-0, 205
 Bill Faysak, Mountain View, 6-2, 190
 Justin Stillman, Camelback, 6-3, 195



receivers

Brad Keilen, Corona del Sol, 6-2, 220
 Tom Johnson, Greenway, 6-4, 225
 Larry Whittaker, McClintock, 6-0, 170
 Joey Woods, Shadow Mountain, 6-2, 180
 Jeff Weber, Brophy Prep, 5-10, 160
 Adam Hellman, Gilbert, 6-1, 180
 Rob Bowsher, Alhambra, 6-2, 190
 Eric Hassett, Saguaro, 5-11, 155
 Mike Criswell, Coronado, 6-3, 205
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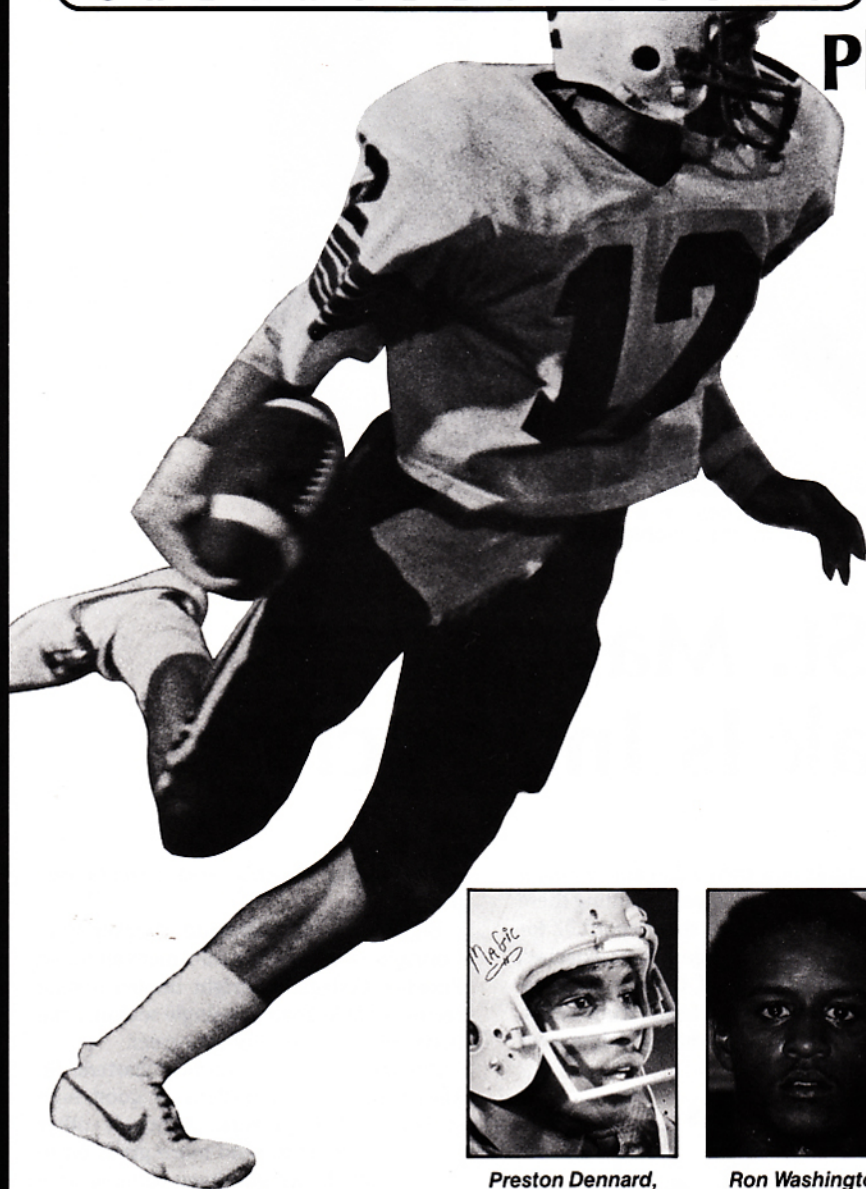
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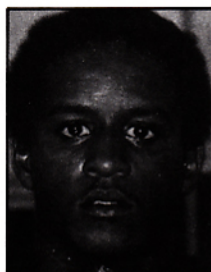
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 1977..David Hinds, McClintock, RB
 1978..Matt Palacio, McClintock, DB
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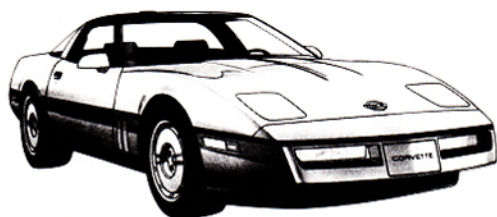
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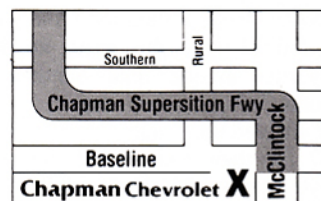
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St. Mary's defensive back Rick Lopez reaches for a pass aimed at Greenway's Tim Salmon during 1985 Skyline battle, won by the Knights, 21-6. (Arizona Republic photo)

For St. Mary's The Streak Is In Reach

Alhambra only lost by one point, 13-12. Then, Shadow Mountain lost by one touchdown, 10-3. Rival Brophy lost by five points, 15-10. Moon Valley lost by only four points 24-20. Later in the playoffs, Tucson Sahuaro lost by one point, 10-9, and Apollo fell by four, 11-7.

But St. Mary's didn't lose to anybody.

Although half the teams on Pat Farrell's schedule played the Knights tough, the results were the same. Fourteen opponents got beat. Not bad for a "rebuilding year."

But this time around St. Mary's won't surprise anybody. Not with 23 returning lettermen, including first team all-stater Reggie McGill (5-10, 185), the school's best runningback since Carlton Campbell, now at NAU. McGill rushed for 1,448 yards and 13 touchdowns, the most important a 47-yarder in the final minutes against Apollo.

It enabled the Knights to beat the Hawks 11-7 for their sixth AAA championship, played before 14,221 "cold fans" at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. It was their second straight crown.

The Knights now own a 23-game winning streak over the past two years, putting them within reach of Tucson's state-record 32 for AAA schools. Those Badger teams, coached by the legendary Rollin T. Gridley, were nationally ranked and beat teams from Texas, California and Arizona during a four-year



rein of terror (see chart).

These St. Mary's teams are coached by Pat Farrell (cover), a former *Phoenix Gazette* all-state defensive back who was recently selected Arizona coach of the year by the Phoenix Press Box Association. The same award has gone to such unknowns as Frank Kush, Larry Smith, John MacLeod and Bobby Winkles, to name a few. Farrell is 69-25-2 in eight seasons at the catholic school, the fifth best winning percentage

(.734) among Phoenix area coaches (see page 25).

Biggest loss in Knightland is kicker Mike Cortright, who took his All-American toe to Phoenix College. Cortright booted a state record 19 field goals in a single season, a national record 36 during his career.

But based on 12 returning starters, St. Mary's has a solid nucleus of good high school football players. Although other schools continue to send more grads on to college ball, the Knights keep winning state championships.

The defense is solid. It includes DB Kevin Scott (5-10, 170), DT David Musselman (6-4, 195), DB Derryll Harris (5-9, 170), injured most of last year, and LB Chauncy Ray (5-9, 175), one of the smallest but one of the best in the Skyline Division.

Receivers Rick Lopez and Rusty Bruce are back, along with linemen Mike Halvorson, John Longo and John Martensen. Returning lettermen who are expected to start include John Kohrs, Anthony Rojas, Mark Archulets, Chris Eyrich, Dan Musselman, and Frank Baratta, possibly the

team's quarterback.

Like most Class AAA schools, St. Mary's will mirror last year's schedule, but flop the sights. That means they need to go unbeaten through regular-season play to erase Tucson High from the record books. It won't be easy. But if any team can do it this year, St. Mary's can.

The Knights should be tough.



The Rockets got a great effort from their senior class and posted a 7-4 record after falling to St. Mary's in the first round of the playoffs, 20-6. They lost earlier to the Knights, 24-20, and played everybody tough. They beat once-proud Mesa from the Central Division, 26-0.

Moon Valley returns 27 lettermen, one of the best place kickers in the league, a top-notch fullback and a talented defensive back. The kicker is Scott Reuter (6-0, 180), who also plays OG/LB; the back is Wil Gonzales (6-1, 185) and the defender is Mark Brakebill (5-11, 170). All three are seniors and it was Reuter who kicked a school record 52-yard field goal against Mesa last year.

The rest of the Rockets; lineup includes Todd Daoust, Mike Calmese, Vince Durcell, James Flack, Mark Brown (soph), Todd

1986 Phoenix Metro Top 20 Teams

1. St. Mary's Knights
2. Westwood Warriors
3. Camelback Spartans
4. Chandler Wolves
5. Moon Valley Rockets
6. Trevor Browne Bruins
7. Apollo Hawks
8. Alhambra Lions
9. Mountain View Toros
10. McClintock Chargers
11. Brophy Prep Broncos
12. Tempe Buffalos
13. Corona del Sol Aztecs
14. Dobson Mustangs
15. Maryvale Panthers
16. Gilbert Tigers
17. Sunnyslope Vikings
18. Agua Fria Owls
19. Independence Patriots
20. Cactus Cobras

Severwak, John Sandaval, Devin Armen-trout, Mark Benavidez, Bob Roether, Hans Sedore, Eric Silvey, Skip Steward, Mike Fenton and Ming Moss.

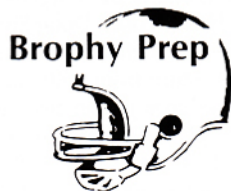
Moss, a 5-9, 155-pound senior, should be the starting QB. He'll be pressed by Fenton, a 5-10, 155-pound sophomore.



They may not have been the best Apollo team, but at least they got there. *There* was Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, sight of the Class AAA championships. After 10 games the Hawks were 5-5. But it was good enough to get Rudy Pacheco's club into the playoffs. Three games later they were 8-5 and top-ranked McClintock was one of their victims, 17-16. It was the most shocking upset in the Arizona AAA playoff race since Sunnyslope knocked out Phoenix Union in a 1970 bout.

Five Hawks return on offense. The line will be anchored by third-year center Dennis McCabe (6-2, 220), a dandy. Guard Craig Dall (5-9, 180) and OT Ricky Marquez (6-1, 220) also return. Tony Brown, Tim Penner and Mike Hooper are linemen with potential. Runningbacks Conrad Swanson (5-10, 175), Juan Ross (5-9, 160) and Travis Bix (5-10, 180) should provide Apollo with a stable of quality runners. Signal caller Daron Bethay (5-10, 160) could be one of the best in the division. Mike Alonzo, Greg Salgado, David Baugh and Brian Zingg should bolster the receiving corps. Weakness: depth and no experience at tight end. Strength: experience and the kicking game with the return of junior punter/PK Brian Dostie.

On Paper this Apollo club is better than last year. If St. Mary's is going to catch Tucson High's state-record-winning-streak of 32 games, they'll have to get past the Hawks first. They play on October 24.



Tim Sanford, a former St. Mary's star, took over at Brophy and got the Broncos back on track. "Last year we made a great improvement in the program here," says the first-year coach. "We missed the playoffs by one game. We beat Apollo, the state runnerup, and lost to St. Mary's 15-10."

The Broncos lost all but four starters to graduation, but do return several good

TUCSON'S 32-GAME WIN STREAK:

1942 (7-2-0)

TUCSON 40, Bisbee 0
12, Pomona, CA 0
40, Phoenix St. Mary's 18
30, North Phoenix 12
23, Mesa 0
53, Nogales 0
20, Phoenix Union 27
7, Santa Barbara, CA 13
(Start of Streak)
41, Yuma Union 13

1943 (9-0-0)

TUCSON 13, Phoenix Union 6
27, Phoenix St. Mary's 6
27, Bisbee 12
17, North Phoenix 7
20, Mesa 6
20, Phoenix St. Mary's 0
14, Douglas 0
28, Phoenix Union 0
27, Mesa 20

1944 (11-0-0)

TUCSON 28, Phoenix Union 6
26, Bisbee 14
42, Phoenix St. Mary's 7
40, Bisbee 12
34, North Phoenix 13
34, Mesa 6
20, Douglas 0
32, Phoenix St. Mary's 0
41, Phoenix Union 7
21, Glendale 6
20, Mesa 7

1945 (11-0-0)

TUCSON 15, Phoenix Union 0
12, El Paso Austin 0
20, Phoenix St. Mary's 0
32, Bisbee 0
21, North Phoenix 0
14, Mesa 7
17, Phoenix St. Mary's 0
28, Douglas 6
35, Phoenix Union 7
25, Glendale 13
9, Mesa 0

(Streak snapped at 32-straight with 7-0 loss to El Paso Austin in first game of 1946 season...)

athletes, including QB Andy Ingram (6-4, 190), an experienced senior with 4.9 forty speed. His primary receiver will be speedy Jeff Weber (5-10, 160), and two good linemen, seniors Scott Middlemist (6-1, 205) and Tim Moran (6-1, 200) should give Ingram ample protection.

The defense will build itself around LB Ralph Shiel (5-10, 195) and DB Jesus Mendoza (5-10, 160), two more seniors. Three key juniors to watch are RB/DE Lawrence Minnefield (5-10, 190), RB/DE Roger Brown, and DT Brian Mack (6-2, 190).

Two years ago Brophy didn't win a game. Had they made the playoffs last year, Sanford might have won himself a coach of the year award. Anyway you look at it, the Broncos are no longer a pushover.

One team which did reach the playoffs was Thunderbird, coached by Owen De-

Janovich. The Chiefs have won six games each of the last two years. Somebody is doing something right. "It was a great effort by our players to get into the playoffs last year," says DeJanovich, who is 12-8-0 with the Chiefs. "But we lost our entire starting

Thunderbird



offense and defense. It will be a building year with lots of young players."

If tackle Ernie Hart (6-5, 275) improves with leaps-and-bounds, the college scouts will be knocking on his door. Next to him on the offensive line will be junior guard Kevin Bacchus (6-0, 220). Klifton Hoyer (6-1, 200) is another promising tackle. All the key skill performers are seniors: QB Mike Hintze (6-0, 185), FB Joe Curlin (6-0, 210), RB Ron Colwell (6-0, 190) and WR Phil Isbell (5-8, 140).

Shadow Mountain



Shadow Mountain struggled through a disappointing 1-8-1 campaign last fall, but an improved offensive line, plus lots of depth up from a 6-1-1 junior varsity look promising.

Quarterback Aaron Denton (6-1, 190) could be one of the better ones to ever play at Shadow Mountain. Joey Woods (6-2, 180) is one of the better receivers, with excellent speed (4.6) and soft hands. The line consists of tackle John Marshall (6-7, 205), along with Trevor Townsend, Alex Gharib, Kevin Kolesar, Walter Ploski, Dwight Weller and Scott Penniston. Backs who should see plenty of action include Mike Seda, Todd Padberg, Dan Steffen, Tim Tennyson, Donnie Perrotti and Scott Beauchamp. All the above are seniors.

Greenway



Key turnovers and mental mistakes took Greenway out of several games, but the Demons beat state runnerup Apollo and played everybody tough. Coach Gregg Parrish finished 2-7-1 and hopes 20 returning lettermen will help improve the win column.

With the likes of TE/LB Tom Johnson (6-4, 225) and OG/LB Clint Dishman (6-2,



Apollo runningback Conrad Swanson sweeps end against Phoenix St. Mary's in 1985 AAA title game, won by St. Mary's, 11-7. Both Skyline schools will be tough again.

205), Parrish has two of the better linemen in the Skyline Division. In senior Paul Beitler (6-2, 200) he has one of the better quarterbacks, if not the biggest. At least half-a-dozen other seniors must show leadership: RB Doug Adams, QB Gabe Arellard, DT Bill Agner, OT Bret Weaver, OT Ray Richardson and HB Derek Deherrera. Both Weaver and Richardson are 245-pounders.

Horizon

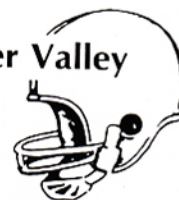


Horizon battled through a competitive 5-4-1 season in one of the toughest leagues in the state. Husky coach Doug Shaffer lost all his linemen through graduation, and only six players return from a 40-man roster.

However, he does return two real good prospects in QB Brian Hampton (6-1, 180) and TE/LB John Pepe (6-0, 200). the remaining four lettermen are OT Curt Schuster (5-11, 200), HB Ken Naponelli (6-0, 185), DB Ed Rausch (5-11, 160) and WR Blake McKee (5-10, 165). Tackle Clint Hexum (6-2, 220) transferred from Chandler at the end of the season.

Shaffer and his staff are counting on several players up from the junior varsity: Ian Deonise, Bill Newman, Rob Kurtz, Loren Nedelman (6-4, 245), Chris Feagles, Bryan Jeffries and Ty Parten, to name a few.

Deer Valley



Deer Valley had high hopes but finished 3-7 last fall. Assistant Tony Valenzuela is the new head coach and has 16 lettermen to work with. Depth, a problem last year, is improved with two dozen players up from a perfect 8-0-0 junior varsity.

But leadership must come from the senior class, and that rests on the shoulders of QB Nick Portonova (5-9, 170), who passed for 1,223 yards in six games, FB Mike Tedeschi (6-2, 210), who doubles at linebacker, deep backs Kelly Ray (5-11, 170) and Paul Burleson (5-9, 170), and DE/OG Kirk Whittenberger (6-1, 185). Two promising newcomers include junior QB/DB Matt Witkowski (5-10, 160) and senior transfer Todd Bainter (6-1, 190), a WR/DB.



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Here's why Westwood wins football games. Defensive back Sean Roundtree tries for an interception as Tempe receiver Joe Haver (left) grabs for the football.

Westwood: Not Just Competitive, But Tough As Nails

Where has Westwood been all these years? Competitive, but no cigar. "This year they'll be more than competitive," says one Central Division coach. "They'll be tough as nails."

The Warriors finished 9-3 after falling to Tucson Sahuaro in the AAA quarterfinals in November. The Mesa school has competed in the playoffs three times in the past decade, but hasn't reached the semifinals since 1970. That Warrior club, coached by Dave Gates, fell to Tucson High 39-34 in one of the greatest high school football games in Arizona history.

Today, Westwood is guided by Jerry Loper, winner of 136 games in the prep ranks. This is his 10th season at Westwood and it could be his best.

The Warriors won nine games with a junior oriented team. Eighteen lettermen are back. The junior varsity went 7-1-0. "We should be outstanding on defense," claims Loper, who guided Tucson Amphi to a state

Westwood



crown in 1975. "We should have a strong running game. Our passing needs help. Our passing and catching is only fair."

Westwood returns five offensive starters, eight defensive starters. The fastest Warrior in camp is RB Sean Roundtree (6-1, 180), a safety with 4.6 speed. Quarterback Rick Flaherty (6-1, 180) also doubles at safety, and runs 40 yards in 4.65 seconds.

Mark Brunsdale (6-2, 215) and Brent Leavitt (6-2, 215) are bookend tackles. Other returning starters include LB Justin Rutherford (6-2, 200), DB Ron Anderson (5-10, 175), OG James Roe (5-8, 185), DT Aaron Clayton (6-0, 200), DT Mark Chevalier (5-11, 200), and FB Jeff Wallace (5-9, 175).

More seniors to watch include WR Brian Mason, TE Brad Blue, WR Jon Durfee, OG Dan Garmus, OG Tom Kowalczyk, OC Randy Wondrash, DB J.T. Campbell and LB Greg Garcia. Campbell and Mason, with 4.9 forty speed, are the fastest of the lot.

Chandler



Delvin Schutes has been at Chandler only five years, and already he's the 4th winningest coach at a school that played its first game in 1923. Schutes-coached teams have advanced to the playoffs three times. This year might be another one.

"Injuries to key people hurt us last year," says the former Clovis assistant. "But it

allowed our younger people to get lots of game experience."

The Wolves return only seven of 40 varsity players from a 6-5 club. But six of the seven play skill positions, and were starters or parttime starters. The other is an outstanding lineman, senior tackle Aaron Gonzales-Johnson (5-11, 220).

In D.C. Coleman (5-10, 180), Chandler might have the best back in the Central Division. His 214 yards against Corona del Sol was the 2nd best night in school history (Duane Parrish ran for 248 yards against Buckeye in 1948). Coleman's 1,169 yards in three months is third-best ever. He set a school record with 31 carries against Dobson.

Senior QB Randy Meeker (5-10, 170) will run the Wolves' wishbone. The rest of the mail will be toted by RB Tyrone Byrd (5-11, 170), RB James Woods (5-8, 160), TE Cory Powell (6-1, 205) and SE Eddie Valenciano (5-10, 170). Woods is the smallest but also the fastest: 4.55 forty.

Newcomers include Bobby Baggs, Darren Schnepf, David Horine, Scott Kent, Chad Ramirez, Mike Tilson, Greg Cooper, Del Brooks, Bill Serrano, Steve Brodland, Mike Gale (6-3, 210), Keith Rome, Mike Portzer, Tony Stephens, Ricardo Arzago, Gerry Vargas and Justin Jobe.

"If we can find enough good linemen from that group, the Wolves could possibly become an outstanding team," warns Schutes. "But we must stay away from injuries to key people. We don't want to go through that again."

Mountain View



Believe-it-or-not, the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis picks an "upset of the year" each December in the whole darn country. Last year, for the first time since 1970, it went to an Arizona game: Apollo 17, Tempe McClintock 16.

Just to prove that you can't please everybody, a local writer from the *Arizona Republic* was critical of the selection. He insisted it should have been Mountain View's 19-6 upset of top-ranked McClintock back in September.

Who's this guy kidding?

Mountain View beats McClintock like a drum. The nine-year series reads 8-1-0, Mountain View. The Toros beating the Chargers is as common as taxes. For Charger fans, it's about as popular, too.

"I think Jesse Parker did his best job of coaching since he arrived at Mountain View," insists Skip Bryant, veteran writer of the *Phoenix Gazette*. "He had only one good player (all-state linebacker Bob Davis now at BYU), and the rest were a bunch of

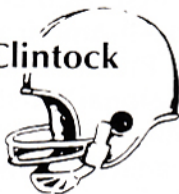
small high school kids. People get spoiled out there. They didn't have the skill players they've had in the past."

They still beat McClintock, unbeaten and nationally ranked by the *USA TODAY* at the time. They won a three-way playoff with Dobson and Chandler, then fell to Westwood in the first round of the state playoffs, finishing 6-5-0.

Not many skill performers return for '86, but the Toros could still be better. Two of Parker's best players should be TB Steve Lindhorst (5-9, 170), and LB Bill Faysak (6-2, 190). Lindhorst was switched over to offense several games into the season and rushed for 700 yards in six games. Faysak, an outstanding baseball prospect with a .450 batting average, saw lots of action and is a good athlete.

Other top prospects include LB Darrin Kauer (6-3, 195), WB Mac Fitch (5-6, 150), another good baseball player; OC Ron Vranas (6-1, 190), OG Tim Jones (5-10, 210) and DB Paul Standage (6-3, 160). All were starters at one time or another last fall. Standage will again do the punting, while Joel Holmes (5-9, 170) will handle the place kicking. The cream of the underclassmen crop appears to be junior TB Jason Phillips (6-0, 175).

McClintock



McClintock completed another great year with an 11-2 finish, a third-straight trip to at least the semifinals, and a third-straight 11-win season.

Coach Karl Kiefer, 181-51-3 with two Class AAA championships under his belt, returns only 14 squad members from last year's talent-loaded club. "We'll reload and have another great year," says the coach, whose .780 winning percentage in 21 years is one of the best in Arizona history. "We didn't like the way it ended but life goes on."

And so does the Chargers' football machine.

McClintock always throws the ball well and plays sound defense. The Chargers will load their guns with young QB Tucker Smith (6-2, 185), a promising junior. His receiving corps will include WR Larry Whitaker (6-0, 170) and TE Darren Brooks (6-2, 210), as well as Brian Wenig, Robert Daily, Chris Widmer, Mark Widmer, Ruben Leyvas and Joe Avey.

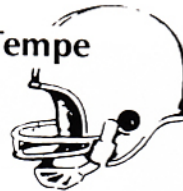
Runningbacks who will take pressure off the passing game include Spencer Colter, Dan Fisher, Joe Abbadessa and Robbie Clemens. Bill Hubele (6-3, 175), a senior DB, will also give Smith competition at the QB slot, an important position in the Chargers' attack.

Jeff Evans (6-1, 200), Robert Scott (6-4,

220), Brent Hatfield (6-0, 200), Jeff Dalton (5-11, 160), Kent Christian (6-0, 225) and Craig Brock (6-2, 220) will man the trenches.

Although the talent pool has been drained by graduation, the McClintock football program is so strong they will probably win seven games . . . or more.

Tempe



Another Tempe school with a promising young quarterback is Tempe High, coached by Glenn Alford. Although young Dave Robson (5-10, 170) is only a junior, the Buffalos signal caller gained lots of experience last fall. In fact, in a game against city rival Corona del Sol, the young Buff passed for a state record 222 yards in one quarter - the 4th-leading Tempe to a come-from-behind victory.

"We have some fine young skill personnel, and some good solid linemen," claims Alford. "We should be much stronger. The results of starting three sophomores should pay off down the road."

Those other two sophomores are now juniors: RB T. C. Wright (5-10, 175) and LB Todd Houck (5-11, 170). All three of these underclassmen run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds. The two best returning seniors look like tackle Matt Knutson (6-2, 190) and center Gary Ostendorf (5-10, 185). Ostendorf is small for a center, but very dedicated.

Keith Smith (5-11, 150) and Raul Ruiz (5-7, 150) are two good backs. Carl Strempeke (5-10, 180) is a hard-nosed guard who also plays linebacker. All three are seniors.

Corona del Sol



The Aztecs have two of the better players in the Valley of the Sun in LB Scott Woodford (6-2, 215) and TE Brad Keilen (6-2, 220). Coach Larry Hughes insists both are major college prospects. They'll need a superb performance from both to help CDS improve on last year's 1-9 finish.

"You need senior leadership to be successful," says Hughes. "We had only eleven on the team last year. We'll have more than twenty kids back and look for a good season."

Three more good seniors include LB Robert Summerlin (6-0, 190), OT Shaun Schulte (6-4, 240) and DB Andrew Jackson (5-11, 170). Center Joe Biritz (6-1, 225), SE Donzell Pitt (6-0, 175) and DB Larry Marmie (5-9, 165) are three promising juniors.

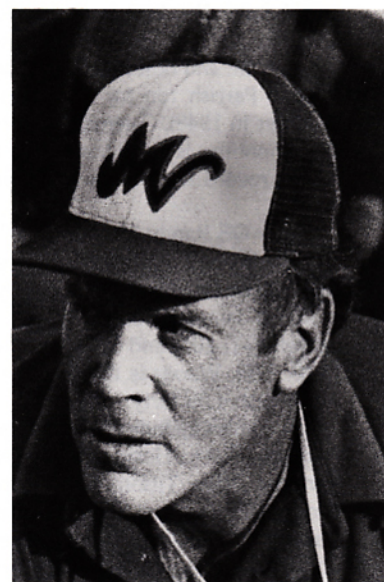
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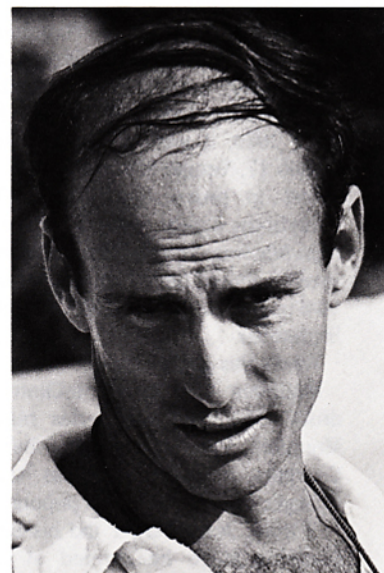


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Mesa Jackrabbits
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Dobson



If defense and the kicking game wins championships, Dobson is looking at a great season. The Mustangs, 6-4 after losing to Chandler and Mountain View in a three-way playoff, return 15 veterans from that club plus a good group of juniors off a 6-2-0 JV squad.

Coach Mike Clark has the best place kicker and the best punter in town. The PK is senior Quin Rodriguez (6-0, 150), who kicked a school record 50-yarder last fall and earned all-state second team honors. Senior Darren Tewes (6-0, 160) is the school's punter, QB and stars in the secondary.

Although small (5-8, 170), Gary Carpenter is the Mustangs' FB, while the rest of the top-notch performers are defenders: DB Josh Arnold (5-10, 150), DB Jeff Girard (5-9, 160), DE Steve Holmes (6-3, 200), DB Greg Homewood (6-0, 185) and DT Eric Valliere (6-0, 215), the best lineman on campus, and one of the best in the Mesa School System.

Mesa



Mesa head coach Jim Rattay is hoping the worst is behind him. The second-year mentor watched the Jackrabbits struggle through a 1-9 campaign, the worst in Mesa's proud football history. Injuries and a tough schedule (seven of 10 teams made the playoffs) took its toll.

The 'Rabbits return one dozen players from that club, and three stand tall at preseason: QB Jim Richardson (6-0, 185), TB/DB Lammon Everett (6-0, 180) and OT Vince Pershing (6-3, 235).

Others who saw action on the varsity or played for a 4-3-1 JV club include Chuck Lardomita, Pete Leblond, Jeff Decker, Frank Winters, Eric Salter, Jason Beach, Chris Breed, Carl Crawford, Darian Derohwer, Mike Ellsworth, Marc Hiatt, Robert Jones, Dean McLeve, Roland Miranda, Carlos Perez, Jeremiah Clark and Shane McCord.

All the above except Lardomita, Leblond and Decker are juniors. Seniors who must show leadership include Tom Warner, Jason Abney, Derek Bethea, Dean Fields, Craig Martin, Jason Mow and Mike Sutton, to name just a few.

Marcos de Niza



After watching the Padres fall to rival McClintock 70-7 early in the season, it's hard to believe that MDN finished 5-5 on the season. But they did. In fact, after the McClintock debacle, Frank Castro's forces regrouped and beat always tough Mountain View... in Mesa.

However, only one dozen Padres return from that .500 club, and the JV team finished 1-7. The key performer will be QB/DB Willy Lira (6-0, 175), a good all-round athlete. Other top prospects, all seniors, include LB Paul Liano (5-11, 200), FB/SS Sean Warren (6-0, 185), TB/DB Jeff Sanuick (6-0, 180), C/DT Jason Mullis (6-0, 210), NG/C Javier Moreno (5-9, 170), OT/DT James Nelson (6-3, 185) and DB/WR Mike Ostland (5-10, 160). Bryon Hooks (6-4, 210) is a promising junior lineman and a real physical specimen.

(Ken Akers/Arizona Republic)



McClintock defenders, led by Darren Brooks (50), bury Mesa ball carrier in 1985 Central Division clash, won by the Chargers, 34-0. Chargers' defense is always one of the league's best.

Experience on defense - nine returning starters - and speed on offense could carry Camelback to the top of the Phoenix football charts. The Spartans, coached by Pete Kellen, return 14 quality players from last year's 5-5 club. The experience should pay off.

Defensive standouts include deep backs Russell Mortensen (5-9, 160), Kevin Miniefield (5-11, 160) and Derek Mason (5-11, 170). Mortensen is also the team's QB. Miniefield, a real flash with 4.6 speed, is an

Camelback



offensive threat and one of the better basketball players in Phoenix. Mason is a dangerous receiver with 4.7 speed. Nose guard Billy Gastelum (6-0, 165) doubles at FB, and LB Sean Potter (6-0, 165) is the team's center.

Other Spartans to watch include DB Martin Luna, WB Rey Mortenson, OG Henry Dominquez, OG Sean Hannafin, DT Darin Wheat (6-0, 200), OT Bill Hardy (6-1, 233), DT Joel Shapiro and DB Rolon Culver.

If the seniors show leadership and the Spartans stay clear of the injury bug, this could be the best Camelback team since 1980, when a near-perfect 11-1 season ended in a thrilling playoff loss to Tucson Sunnyside.

Trevor Browne



Trevor Browne calls itself the "Pride of the Westside," and rightfully so. The Bruins, coached by Bill Mitton, have worn or shared the league crown every year since 1978. When Mitton wins another game this fall, it'll be his 100th in the prep ranks since he started at TB in 1972. He's 99-60-1 since the school opened. Chances are the win will come in September.

Good backs and team speed will be strong points. The Bruins have one of the better runners in the league in Kevin Greene (5-10, 170), a junior with 4.55 speed. Last fall as a sophomore Greene scored 78 points, carried the ball 106 times for 988 yards (9.3 average), and scored on a 91-yard kickoff return in a crucial 38-16 win over Phoenix Central. Tait Mitton (5-10, 180), the head coach's son, plays FB/DB and is almost as fast as Greene. Mitton intercepted three passes as a junior. Senior Joel Sing (6-0, 160) is back at QB with 537 yards passing in the



Maryvale's Darren Woodson, a FB/LB for the Panthers, plows through Scottsdale Chaparral's defense in 1985 contest. Maryvale might have the city's fastest team in 1986. (Phoenix Gazette photo)

Spartans, Bruins Tops In Phoenix Loop

Bruins' run-oriented offense.

The defense should again be sound with DT Bob Walton (6-0, 190) and LB Alfonso McCoy (5-8, 173). Both are seniors with good speed. Two juniors who will help out in the secondary include LB Bill Bell (5-11, 190) and David Butler (6-1, 185).

This will not be one of Trevor Browne's bigger teams, but it will be one of their fastest. Like last year, the Bruins' early schedule is murder, with games against Tempe McClintock and Chandler, followed by Scottsdale Chaparral and Agua Fria.

Alhambra



The Lions' attack starts and finishes with senior Nathan LaDuke. The 6-0, 195-pounder guided Alhambra through a 7-4-1 campaign, helping head coach Paul Hoffland notch his 100th career win (see chart). As a defensive back, LaDuke in-

tercepted nine passes, earned first-team all-state honors, averaged 41.0 yards per punt and later won the Class AAA-I state wrestling title at 170 pounds.

Hoffland's offense also returns WR Chris Sherril (5-9, 165), OG Kevin Cary (6-2, 215), TE Rob Bowsher (6-2, 190) and OC Tim Duy (6-1, 200). Receiver caught 10 passes for 170 yards and three touchdowns.

All five also play defense, along with end Guy Norton (5-9, 170), a quick defender who started two games as a junior. Other lettermen include two-way performers Jim Milton, Kevin Frazier, Scott Sutton, Bob Thrasher, Ted Rodriguez and Kory Moffat. Rodriguez is the biggest Lion at 6-3, 225.



Maryvale rebounded from a 3-7-0 season to an 8-2-1 playoff campaign. The Panthers will again be loaded at the skill positions, but shaky in the line. Coach Buck Hall has two of the best football players in Phoenix in WB/DB Phillip Sparks (6-0, 170) and FB/LB Darren Woodson. Both are college prospects with excellent athletic ability.

The QB slot should be filled by senior Dan Duncan (6-2, 190), while big Donnell White (6-1, 250) is the Panthers' premier lineman. Some of the 15 returning lettermen include: WR Kenny Sumpter (5-11, 150), OT Steve Enteman (5-10, 210), OG Dennis Grant (5-9, 200) DB Scott Rollins (5-10, 175), LB Chad Benham (5-11, 190), OG Mike Romero (6-0, 180) and junior RB/DB Kevin Galbreath (5-10, 170).



The Firebirds surprised just about everybody, racing through an excellent 9-3 campaign which ended with a playoff loss to eventual state champ St. Mary's. The season earned Jim Bevell the Valley Coach of the Year award by one local news media.

"The players did a good job," said the first-year coach. "It was an exciting year. We'll be young but competitive. We lost a lot of players."

Chaparral lost their passer and best catcher. That's a loss. This year the Firebirds' strength might be in the line, and Bevell returns two of the best in Scottsdale: OT/NG Marc Padwe (6-2, 245) and OG/LB Jim Jacobson (6-1, 190). Jacobson is the best linebacker in Scottsdale, and Padwe one of the biggest tackles in the Phoenix region.

Four other seniors with valuable playoff experience are FB/LB John Dale (5-9, 175), RB/LB Scott Neizgodzki (5-10, 180), OT/DE Mike McKenzie (5-10, 195) and OG/DT Mike Kase (5-10, 185).

Chaparral's real strength last fall was defense and the passing game. The offense will look to the junior class, which posted an impressive 6-2-0 record as sophomores.



The Bobcats won only two games last fall, but that record might flop to the better side with help from several new faces and some key transfers.

Their offensive positions look sound: QB Sam Culley (6-0, 170), RB Randy Carr (6-0, 175) and TE Mike Stetson (6-1, 170), the only junior. On defense: CB Scott Alfred (5-10, 160) and junior Garrett Karstens (6-1, 195).

Good looking transfers include RB/LB

Peter Tekampe (6-0, 220) from Milwaukee, junior LB Scott Seigrest (6-0, 185) and RB John Watts (5-10, 155). Junior TE Eddie Johns (6-1, 190) arrives from the basketball team, and the JV football team might produce possible starters in OG Rex Harmon, QB Allen Pfeiffen and speedy (4.5) RB James Byrd. Two sophomores who could make the varsity are TE Jesus Saucedo and WR Keith Jeffries.



Saguaro batted .500 and hopes to move up the ladder in 1986. Exactly one dozen Sabercats return from that 5-5 club, with the biggest and most impressive being senior Scot Boatright (6-1, 212), a three-year starter at center.

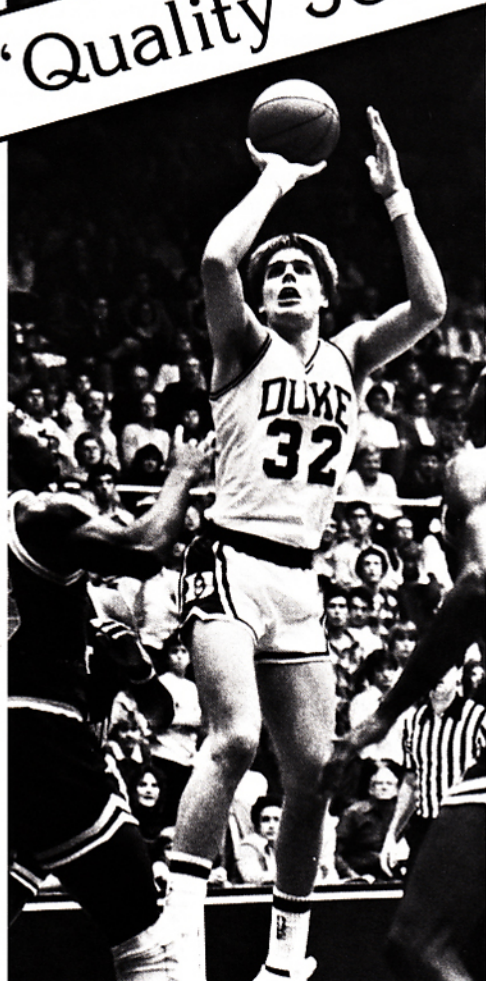
Receiver Eric Hassett (5-11, 155), among the state's top 10 pass catchers, caught 43 passes for 631 yards. Tackles like Jason

Metro Coaches' Checklist

(Three years or more in the Phoenix area)

Winning Percentage	Current School	Overall Record	Years
.837	Rick Dunn, Gilbert	36-7-1	4
.780	Karl Kiefer, McClintock	181-51-3	21
.773	Larry Fetkenhiser, Glendale Cactus	34-10-1	3
.758	Jesse Parker, Mesa Mountain View	141-45-3	17
.734	Pat Farrell, Phoenix St. Mary's	69-25-2	8
.725	Pat Lavin, Paradise Valley	100-38-3	13
.687	Walt Beamis, Phoenix Christian	189-87-4	30
.679	Dave Leikvold, Phoenix Cortez	95-45-4	16
.674	Tim Logsdon, Buckeye	91-44-3	14
.670	Jerry Loper, Mesa Westwood	136-67-9	23
.656	Bill Kee, Sunnyslope	61-40-4	10
.655	Brad Tarrant, Western Christian	36-19-0	6
.637	Earl Putman, Moon Valley	130-74-5	20
.623	Bill Mitton, Phoenix Trevor Browne	99-60-1	13
.621	Tom Wheatley, Avondale Agua Fria	66-41-2	11
.583	Thurman Simmons, Phoenix Carl Hayden	147-105-8	30
.583	Glenn Alford, Tempe Union	24-17-1	4
.582	Paul Hoffland, Phoenix Alhambra	103-74-4	16
.569	Dave Swerdfeger, Phoenix Washington	66-50-2	11
.568	Mike Clark, Mesa Dobson	50-38-3	9
.567	Jim Relph, Phoenix Gerard	38-29-1	7
.558	Delvin Schutes, Chandler	29-23-0	5
.555	Buck Hall, Phoenix Maryvale	35-28-1	6
.551	Bob Keller, Scottsdale Saguaro	70-57-1	12
.550	Rudy Pacheco, Glendale Apollo	49-40-7	9
.536	Joe Corte, Scottsdale Coronado	59-51-2	11
.524	Larry Hughes, Tempe Corona del Sol	44-40-1	8
.492	Jim Dean, Scottsdale Christian	29-30-1	6
.490	Gregg Parrish, Phoenix Greenway	24-25-3	5
.480	Kevin McCarthy, Chandler Seton Catholic	24-26-1	6
.464	Steve Daly, Glendale Independence	13-15-0	3
.456	Dick McKivergan, Phoenix Shadow Mountain	41-49-2	9
.445	George Endress, Phoenix Central	77-96-4	18
.442	Frank Castro, Tempe Marcos de Niza	50-63-3	12
.378	Jim Davis, Phoenix Bourgade	17-28-1	5

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Jacobsen (6-1,185) gave the Saguaro QB enough protection time to find Hassett. Junior RB/LB Neil Begalman (5-9, 180) saw action as a sophomore, along with QB Tony Werstler (5-11, 150), who might do the punting.



Key injuries and losses in close games led to a 4-6 finish for Coronado. The Dons return 14 lettermen, plus two of the best players in Scottsdale, so an improved win-loss record is in reach.

The two top players are TE/DE Mike Criswell (6-3, 205) and SE/DB Curtis Maughan (5-11, 170). Criswell caught 14 pases for 250 yards, while Maughan led the district in interceptions with seven.

Dons with experience include QB Tom Geffert, RB Eric Parsons, WR Dale Marino, DB Tom Mobley, RB Todd Busot, LB John Boyer, OG Erik Braid, OG Shawn Smith, OT Richard Read (6-1, 220) and DB Scott Paul. Two juniors with promise are RB Phil Carter (5-10, 165) and DE Jeff Calchera (6-2, 185).

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kicker Chris Dugan (5-11, 170).

Fred Haeger's first year at Glendale wasn't as rewarding as that of Haight at Scottsdale, but the Gauchos came on strong at the end to finish 3-6-0. They were 7-1-1 in 1984, but that was a veteran club and last year Haeger fielded one of the youngest squads in the city.

Ten starters on offense and six on defense are back. "With so many lettermen returning we're very optimistic," says the second-year coach. "If we stay healthy it should be a good year."

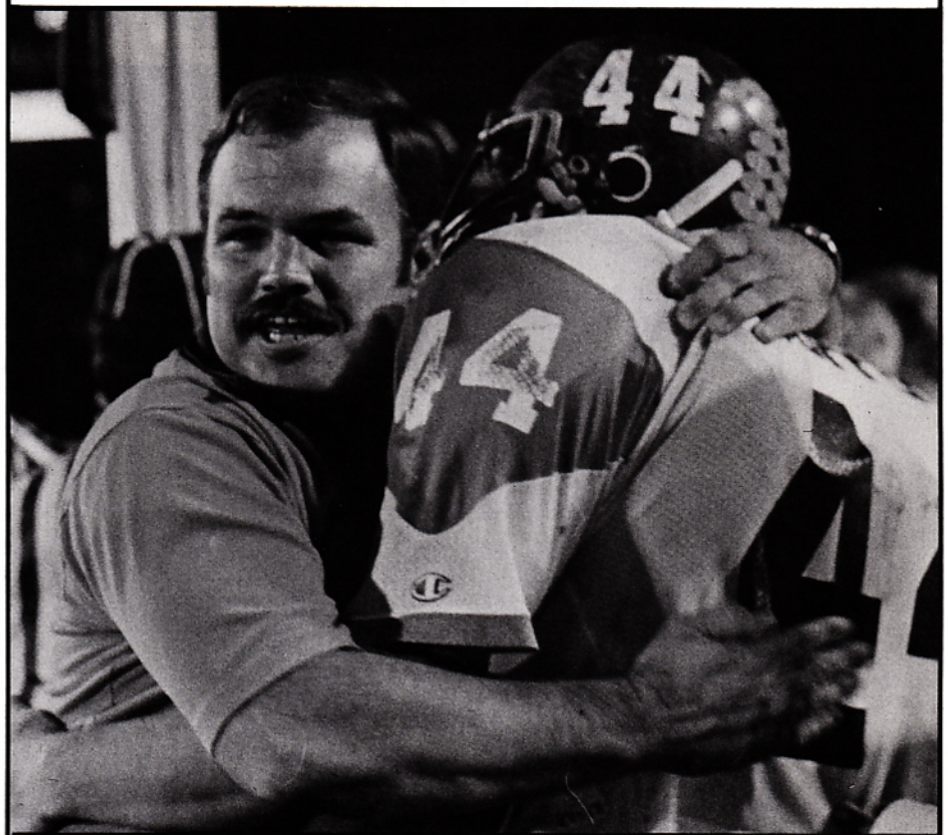
Like Scottsdale, the Gauchos have good size and speed. The big ones include OC Tony Sherman (6-6, 250), OT John Steeves (6-4, 285), OG Jason Evans (5-11, 242), LB Jeff Reuter (6-3, 225), DL Mike Yonkovich (6-2, 245), LB Jerry Thompson (6-3, 218), and LB Mike Wallen (6-2, 230).

The fast ones include WR Travis Ligans (6-1, 180), CB Scott Geyer (5-11, 175), FB Gary Ham (5-11, 210), WR Art Johnson (6-6, 200), and PK Phil Insalaco (5-10, 175).

Johnson at 6-6 is one of the tallest receivers in the junior college ranks. The big sophomore played at Trevor Browne High School. Wide receiver Ligans, a former all-stater at Glendale Cactus, is one of the quickest in the league with 4.5 forty speed.

Last season only three players on Glendale's roster were from out-of-state. Like

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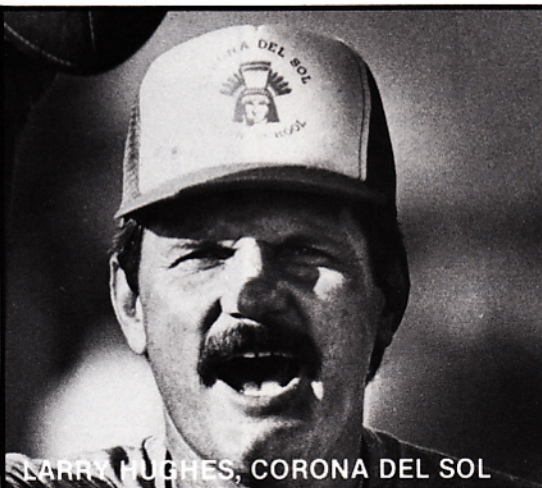
their three rivals from across the valley, the Gauchos stock up with local prep talent. In fact, 95% of the total rosters of the four football-playing jucos in the Phoenix metro area are from the Arizona high school ranks.

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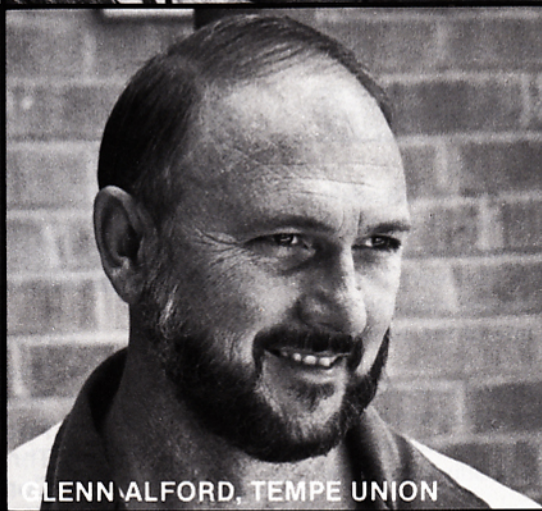
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It didn't take Gilbert long to make an impact in the Class AAA ranks. After all but dominating the AA scene, the Tigers moved into the newly formed AAA-II region. Their first game? A surprising 33-12 trouncing of AAA-I Mountain View.

"We open against Mountain View again," says head coach Rick Dunn, who has won 84% of his games at Gilbert. "I think they'll be ready for us this year."

The Mountain View victory wasn't the Tigers' only big win last fall. Fourteen weeks later Gilbert had a 13-1 record under its' belt and the school's eighth state football championship since an 8-0 club in 1923. Since then, the Tigers have produced 73 first team all-state players. Only Phoenix Union, Mesa, Tucson and Eloy Santa Cruz have produced more.

"A very fine group of young men made last year a memorable season," adds Dunn,

Gilbert



whose brother Dan is the head coach at nearby Mesa Community College. "We lost some good players. But we should have a good football team again."

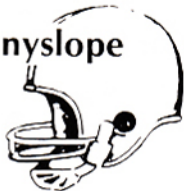
Exactly 19 lettermen return from that championship club which lost only to Tolleson and beat Cactus in the title game. Three key players return, and one is the quarterback, senior Ed Bricker (6-0, 170). It's an added bonus anytime a coach returns a QB from a state championship team. Bricker is a bonus.

Two other quality players are DT/OT David Thomas (6-0, 210) and TE/DE Adam Hellman (6-1, 180). The coaching staff is also high on two juniors: Lamar Whitehurst (5-11, 215) and Ken Graves (6-2, 195), both tackles. If they continue to work hard they could develop into college prospects.

Seniors to watch include Lloyd Cook, Carl Hill, Rex Gillespie, Mike McDowell, Donnie Anderson, Terry Page, Mike Thornton, Warde Nichols, Mike Maramonte and Mike Ramsier.

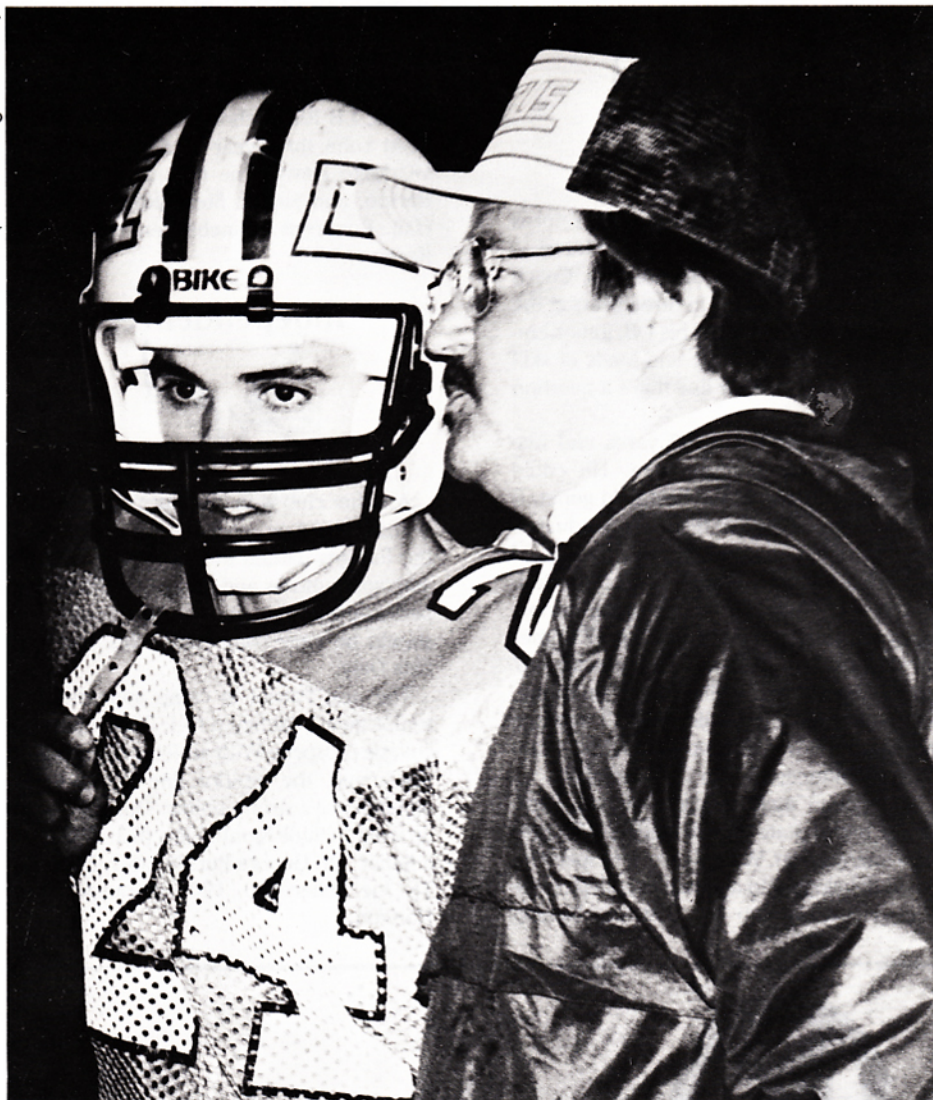
Besides Whitehurst and Graves, the junior class will supply tackles Eric Hansen (6-0, 200) and Chris Cowart (6-0, 205), and deep backs Jason Gonzales and Malcolm Scott.

Sunnyslope



Sunnyslope won 11 games for the first time in history, and produced the best Vik-

(Cactus High School)



Although his team lost to Gilbert in the state finals, Cactus head coach Larry Fetkenhies' .773 winning percentage is one of the best among active coaches in the Phoenix football loop.

Another Crown For The Tigers?

ing team since their 1970 club finished 10-3 after falling to Tucson in the AAA finals. Last year's squad finished 11-2 after bowing to Cactus in the playoffs, 26-21.

Coach Bill Kee has been at the helm for seven years and this should be another competitive unit. Twenty letter winners - nine on offense and seven on defense - return.

Like Glibert, Sunnyslope is another play-off club which returns a starting signal caller. Senior Dan Roether (5-10, 160) passed for over 1,000 yards, rushed for over 700, and runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. He'll get good protection from two all-league guards, Doug Jones (6-0, 190) and John Pavlik (6-2, 220). Jones doubles at LB, Pavlik DE. Both run 40 yards in 4.9 seconds.

Other Vikings with valuable play-off ex-

perience include FB Steve Burris, who rushed for 800 yards and scored eight touchdowns, TE Chris Wells, TB Matt Klonowski (1,000 yards rushing, 12 touchdowns), WB Mike Daudet, OT Brad Nally (6-4, 245), DT Greg Buzan, DE Bob Hertzog, DB Chad Stafford, OT Jeff Fitzgerald, OC Scott Denton, TE Steve Hall and DB Brandon Dale. Seniors David Spencer, Trevor Russell, Darren Burke and Kevin Hayes are returning lettermen.

Sunnyslope's JV club finished 7-1, and should supply the varsity with depth. Best of the lot appears to be TE/DB Matt Berdine (6-4, 170), who started on the varsity basketball team, plus teammates Adam Porter, Sean Naylor and Heath Goldman, to name a few.

Agua Fria



It's hard to believe, but Agua Fria returns 20 lettermen from a 10-3 club which lost to state champ Gilbert in the playoffs. Coach Tom Wheatley, 21-12-0 in three years at the Avondale school, returns his QB, junior Lincoln Holcomb (6-4, 170), and loads of skill people. It's the interior line that's a question mark.

Holcomb passed for 702 yards and five touchdowns as a sophomore. He could develop into one of the best field generals in the Valley of the Sun before he graduates. The Backfield is set with T. C. Richmond (6-3, 175) and Vern Rogers (5-8, 170). Both can fly (4.6) and earned all-league honors last year. Rogers carried the ball 123 times for 921 yards, Richmond 58 times for 457 yards. Rogers also led the Owls in receiving, 14 catches for 238 yards, an 18.3 average per catch. He was the team's top thief, grabbing six interceptions in the secondary.

In a game against Lake Havasu, Richmond tied a state record with a 105-yard pass interception. With his size and speed he could develop into a potential college prospect. His team also has a strong kicking

game. Senior Bill Wolski does the punting (36.5), and Brad Donahue kicked 25 PATS last fall.

Other Owls with experience include all-league LB Rich Scholz, LB Jamie Self, DB Brett Yohe, three-year DT Shannon Arnold, OC Mike Hawthorne (6-0, 230), CB Gene Barton, and juniors Steve Rogers and Pat Hall. Rogers is a linebacker, Hall a wide Receiver.

Independence



Another club with 20 returning lettermen is Independence, coached by Steve Daly, the Patriots battled through a 3-7 schedule with sophomores and juniors. "With the experience gained by our younger players, we should be very competitive this year," insists Daly.

The best Patriot in camp appears to be senior guard Pat Smith (6-1, 205), a possible college prospect. With athletes like Smith in the lineup, the interior line is one of Independence's strong points. Other big guys up front include Monte Lieja (6-3, 220), only a junior, DE George Pursley (6-1, 170), and TE Joe Miller (6-0, 190), a transfer from Horizon.

Peoria



Doug Clapp, A two-year assistant under Mark Matheson, takes over at Peoria, where the Panthers produced a 7-4-1 playoff team. Matheson moves on to the new Peoria high school, Ironwood, located at 59th and Sweetwater.

Clapp the former line coach who moved from Iowa, greets 16 letter winners, three who are juniors. Quarterback William Babb (6-2, 175) runs 40 yards in 4.9 seconds and is one of the better signal callers in the area. Young Eric Guliford (5-11, 170) has 4.7 speed and is one of the better wide receivers. Tony Camino (5-10, 170) will do the punting and place kicking for two more years.

Arcadia



Arcadia reached the playoffs for the first time in 23 years, falling to Gilbert in a hard-fought contest in the opening round. That loss left the Titans at 4-5-2, and graduation struck deep and hard. Only nine lettermen return.

"Our regular season record was not as good as I hoped for," says Jay Phillips. "But it was better than many people thought we would do. We still want to improve on our performance and make a better showing in the playoffs."

Quarterback John Reese (6-3, 220), end Mark Formanek (6-4, 210), LB Wes Spencer (6-0, 205), RB Marc Coleman (5-11, 195) and DE Brad Booker (6-1, 190) are key players. "If these five have a good season and our team does well, they may get a chance to play some college ball," adds Phillips.

Members of a near-perfect 7-1 JV squad who should help next year include Greg Belsher, John Belnap, Cliff Holland, Derek Nabity and Kevin Ford.

Cactus



The Cobres went as far as you can go without winning it all. They finished 11-3



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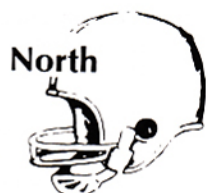
Cactus linebacker Travis Dain.

after falling to Gilbert in the AAA-II title game. "We were very proud of the team," says Larry Fetkenhler, 34-10-1 with the Cobras. "Playing in the state championship was exciting and rewarding. We just hope we can be competitive and try to continue the tradition of Cactus football."

With 18 lettermen, several with playoff experience, Cactus might be back in the hunt. Depth could be their only weakness.

Quarterback Kenny Losler (5-10, 165) threw for 700 yards and six scores as a junior. Halfback John Audsley (5-9, 190) scored six times and earned all-league honors. Tom Simms and Matt Bieneck are two of the fastest (4.7) and toughest defensive backs in the conference. Young Bobby Moore started in the secondary as a sophomore.

Guard Ed Kasney (6-2, 210) started as a soph, and is the best overall offensive lineman in the region. Linebacker Travis Dain won all-league honors, as did DT Joe Ray Garcia. The receiving corps is deep with Jim McMullen, Jim Robinson and Mike Alcocer (6-0, 180), a TE who also started as a soph. Other prospects include LB Dave Mobley, OT Derrick Conner (6-0, 220), TE John Theis, TE Chris Yonsetto, NG Mark Wolf and PK Eric Hardstedt, who kicked six field goals and missed only three PATS.



No varsity program in the area returns as many lettermen as North: 30! Coach Dan White guided the Mustangs through a 4-6

season in their first complete varsity campaign since the school reopened.

"We should make the playoffs," insists White. "We have a lot of good, young talent returning. Some of the kids are basketball players and good all-round athletes."

Two of the best are DB Ron McKinney (6-0, 155), and all-stater as a junior, and tackle Corey Adams (6-3, 230), one of the best in Phoenix. McKinney was a member of the Wild Horses' state AAA-II runnerup basketball team, and the son of former Phoenix Union great Walter McKinney.

Halfback Keith Kornegay (5-10, 175) is the fastest Mustang with 4.6 speed, while guard Glenn Noone (5-10, 200) and LB Darren Aune (5-11, 175) are top-notch defenders. All are seniors. What North needs to do in the off-season is find a quarterback.



Washington played with mostly juniors and it showed in the won-loss column: 2-8-0. But this season looks much better with 20 returning lettermen - seven starters on defense and nine on offense - and lots of help from a perfect 8-0 JV team.

Coach Dave Swardfeger, like several coaches in the city, returns an experienced QB. Senior Chris Welsh (5-11, 170) started last year. The defensive line looks solid with all-league defenders Kipp Chillag (6-0, 195) and Doug Hastings (5-10, 160) back again. Hastings is also the Rams' fullback. Matt Bednorz, David Nash, Scott Rodriguez, Chuck Salas, Chris Sauter, Dennis Scafide, David Drumheiser, Mike Wyllie and Loren McKenzie add experience.

Promising JV players up from that unbeaten club include Tony Britton, Rod Kaven, Richard Martinez, Jason Poulton, Tom Reagan and Tom Spencer.



Cortez was another junior-dominated team which struggled through a 4-6 campaign. Coach Dave Liekvold, like coaches in the region, returns a bunch of lettermen - 22 to be exact. "We'll be better and stronger," says the veteran coach. "Our success will depend heavily on our quarterbacks and how fast we can develop our secondary."

The Colts return three of the better players in the Skyline Division: OC Ed Meza (6-0, 230), OG Chuck Pennington (6-1, 185) and QB Ben Bloom (6-1, 170). All three are

seniors and capable of going both ways. Senior tackle Steve Sovacki (6-1, 220) is the biggest Colt in the corral.

The rest of the lineup includes veterans Mike Ontiveros, Tim Russell, Terry Matlock, Bill Cusson, Todd Finozey, Carlos Gonzales, Cory Marshall, Mike Richardson, Bobby Valenzuela, Don Wardlow and Chad Schlenker, one of two good quarterbacks in camp.



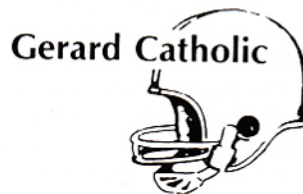
Paradise Valley, coached by veteran Pat Lavin, had a 4-2 mark after six games before the injury bug bit. Their only losses were to state champ Gilbert and playoff bound Sunnyslope. Then nine players - six two-way starters - bit the dust, and the team finished 4-6.

The Trojans return 11 squad members, including one of the best quarterbacks in the area, but depth and lack of skill players are negatives. The junior varsity didn't win a game.

The field general is Joe Carter (6-4, 210), a gifted senior who has passed for close to 2,000 yards in two seasons. No. 1 problem: No receivers to catch his passes. Carter runs 40 yards in 4.75 seconds and is a good all-round athlete. But Lavin and the coaching staff would prefer to have Carter throwing and not running.

Although small, the Trojans have two top-notch offensive guards in Brian Smith (5-10, 184) and Troy Shepherd (6-1, 195). Little James Triguero is the team's center, while Rene Carrasco and Todd Scoles are small but tough runningbacks.

"Our line should be decent," says Lavin, one of the winningest coaches in Phoenix. "Because of a lack of skill people it will be tough for us to beat the likes of Gilbert, Cactus or Sunnyslope. But we'll give it our best shot."



Gerard is another school which returns 20 lettermen for the upcoming 1986 campaign. The Redcoats, coached by Jim Relph, fielded no JV team and struggled through a 1-9 varsity season. "Last year was a rebuilding year," insists Relph. "We have lots of experience coming back. If everything gells we'll be super. We still have holes to fill."

The biggest Redcoat in camp is OT/LB Chris Kaplovic. The quickest (4.5) is RB/DB Eric Duggan (5-9, 175). Kaplovic is so quick (4.7) for his size, the coaching staff would

move him to fullback if they had more quality linemen. He earned all-conference honors as a sophomore, all-league in basketball and plays on the baseball team. Duggan gained 843 yards in nine games with very little blocking. But with tackles like Kapilovic and big Chris Stayton (6-3, 220) paving the way, Duggan should get 1,000 yards this year.

The rest of the Redcoats' lineup includes interior linemen Joe Navarro, Steve Phalen and Bill Norris. The team returns quality skill players in Rob Rogers, Brian Stoner, Matt Dirks, Mike Dirks and Shawn Abinet, the team's quarterback.

Tolleson



Tolleson returns more than half their team - 24 lettermen - and they'll need the experience after a 4-5-1 season. The Wolverines played their best in the latter part of the season, so improvement was a strength at the end.

Tackle Kenny Quinonez (6-2, 270) is the biggest linemen on campus, while LB David Maynard (5-9, 160) is the quickest (4.6). Four other seniors with experience are QB David Aros, HB Ken Downing, OG Tad Steckler and TE Lance Keller (6-4, 190), an all-stater in basketball. Charles Hrabowy, a DB who will do the team's kicking, and QB/DB Aaron Herrera are promising juniors.

Carl Hayden



The Falcons were 2-8 in the regular season (2-3 in league) and lost a playoff game with Lake Havasu for the 4th playoff spot from their region. Coach Thurman Simmons' JV unit didn't win a game, but the varsity stole 12 sophomores for their club.

"The junior varsity was really stripped of people," says Simmons, who has won 147 games in the prep ranks. "We could be a much improved team. Larry Works will move from halfback to quarterback in our wishbone. He's an exciting player."

Works, a member of the Falcons' state championship basketball team, is a speedy (4.5) 5-9, 145-pound junior. Junior Scott Moore (6-1, 180) is a key returning vet from the offensive line. Backs returning include Works, Delbert Patton, Jerome Williams and Darnell Thompson, up from the frosh team.

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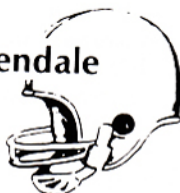


Chandler's Joey Jeffries, 1984.

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Glendale



The Cardinals didn't win a game at Glendale last fall, and have won only one in the

last two years. So improvement is the name of the game for 1986. "Although it was a tough season to endure, I feel we made progress in many areas," says Tom Hernandez. "We were a young team and our size was limited. The team did endure and I think that speaks highly of their character."

This season Hernandez returns 21 lettermen from that 0-10 club, and the offense will revolve around QB Pat Harrington (6-1,

160), a senior. In the backfield he'll have Ken Aneas and Cliff Stewart, small but quick halfbacks. The line will depend upon David Dages (6-1, 180) and Brad Ritch (6-1, 180). Defensively, the Cardinals' two linebackers will be their backbone: Dages and Stewart, with help from Robbie Clary.



Casa Grande returns a handful of players with varsity experience from last year's 4-7 outing. But the JV unit posted a good 5-3 record, so help might arrive from the junior class. The big gun in the Cougars' camp belongs to senior FB Toby Trejo (5-10, 165), a 4.7 sprinter who led the team in rushing. Six other players who should start are SE/DB Todd Edwards, OT Shawn Lewis 6-1, 220), QB Roy Gamez, RB Chris Beemen, OC/DE Adam Florez and RB Kevin Keeton. Gamez and Florez are juniors.

Several Phoenix coaches will win their 100th game this fall, and Buckeye's Tim Logsdon is one of them (see chart). An excellent 8-2 campaign gave the Hawks' mentor a 94-43-2 career record, 45-18-1 at Buckeye.

"We were very pleased with our success last season," says Logsdon. "We dropped our opener to Santa Cruz then won eight-straight games. After a disappointing playoff loss to Miami, we've regrouped and



are looking forward to the upcoming season."

All-state linebacker Earl Piper (5-10, 180) is good reason for optimism. The Hawks' top prospect also doubles at fullback. Linebacker Dan Burton (5-10, 185) earned all-division honors. Junior Phillip Echeverria (6-2, 190) was an all-league defensive back. He's also the team's QB, along with senior Derek Couch (5-11, 165). Other skill performers include TE David Lackey, SE Dean Anast, DB Kenny Land, DB Willie Brown and WR Jim Osborn. All are seniors.

The line has good size and quickness with Joe Bailey (5-10, 215), Steve Boyd (5-11, 190), Jason Carpenter (5-11, 190) and Bill Lonon (5-10, 200) in the trenches. Carpenter and Lonon are juniors.

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Phoenix Christian



When you're hot, you're hot. Phoenix Christian went 23 years in Class B competition without winning the state championship. Now they've won it back-to-back. Coach Walt Beamis, entering his 21st year at PC, went 10-2 last year after beating Florence in the Class A-II title game. The Cougars were 9-0 in 1959 and that team was coached by Les Finger.

Christian lost to Florence during regular season play, then beat them in the playoffs. Only 15 squad members return. The interior line looks tough with John Stair (6-0, 195),

Arvid Viedmark (6-2, 220) and Troy Holbert (6-1, 190) back in force. Stair and Viedmark lettered as sophomores. And the kicking game is sound with senior Steve Grunewald (5-9, 145) in the lineup. But if PC is to repeat for a third time, the JV team, which finished 7-2 last fall, must supply the varsity with players at the skill positions.

Maricopa



Although Maricopa had its ups-and-downs in 1985 - mostly downs - the Rams beat playoff-bound Antelope 34-0, and return 23 lettermen from that team. Coach Mark August has a good-size tackle in Mark Bentley, a 6-2, 215-pound senior, to build his line around. Other top players include Edmond Schrader, David Freeman, Matt Steger, Darrin Ashby, Charles Rock and Daniel Lopez, to name a few.

Dysart



Dysart will pin their hopes on LB/RB Joseph Occhiline (5-10, 165) and sophomore QB Eric Hanenburg. As a freshman, Hanenburg led the JV team to a 6-2 record, throwing for 1,500 yards and 14 touchdowns. Occhiline was an honorable mention all-stater in 1985. Frank Hernandez (5-10, 175) and

Eli Murillo (5-10, 185) won honors for their line play.

Al Burton (5-11, 160) should be the Demons' leading receiver. He started every varsity game as a sophomore, has soft hands and good speed. Two good linemen from the JV team are Darrell Risley (6-3, 235) and Rusty Farley (6-1, 225).

"We look forward to having a much improved team in my third year here," says Bruce Jameson. "Our young kids who got beat up playing varsity as freshmen and sophomores are now ready to play varsity ball."

Western Christian



Last year Western Christian produced the best team in the school's history. The Eagles finished runnerup in the Class C finals and finished 10-1. Coach Brad Tarrant must replace last year's QB and has only eight lettermen to do it with. Best bet is junior Jeff Smith, an all-conference LB as a soph. The toughest Eagle on cleats appears to be FB/NG Nathan Killingback (5-11, 195), a hard-nosed senior with 4.9 speed. Jason Davenport (6-1, 235) and Eric Borkowski (6-2, 180) are top-notch linemen.

Scottsdale Christian



The Eagles struggled through a 3-6 season with a senior-dominated club. Coach Jim Dean will be rebuilding and his offense and defense will revolve around six lettermen: RB Roger Gibson (4.7 forty), OT Shawn Disarufino (6-0, 205), WR David Taylor, OC Bailey Sanders, LB Jerry Simmons and OG Craig Landis. Gibson is the fastest back at Scottsdale Christian and Disarufino the biggest lineman.

Cactus Shadows



Cactus Shadows, located in Cave Creek, surprised a lot of people by winning the Class A-II North in their first year in the league. First-year coach Gerry LaBelle returns 15 letter winners from that 5-5 club, which lost to Antelope in the first round of the state playoffs.

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Todd Gray (5-11, 180), coming off an academic ineligibility, and Jeff Gregory (5-7, 145), a transfer from Michigan, should help fill the gap left by graduation. Clay Fields (5-9, 150) will again direct the Eagles' offense. He will be aided in the backfield by Scott Moore and Sean Reeder, an all-league honor winner as a freshman.

Although depth and size in the line is a weakness at preseason, the kicking game appears strong with the return of soph Lee Toone, a backup QB who booted a 33-yard field goal in the state playoff game with Antelope. In the line, junior Kevin Van Horn (6-2, 212) is the only Eagle over 200 pounds.



Goldwater High School, located at 27th Avenue and Rose Garden Lane, is scheduled to open for the fall semester for freshmen and sophomores. The new school, named after the former Phoenix Union student and state senator, Barry Goldwater, will relieve the congested conditions at Deer Valley High School, which has an enrollment of 3,600 students.



Cactus Shadows' Gerry LaBelle.

Goldwater attendance boundaries concern 9th and 10th grade students living east of 35th Avenue and north of Happy Valley Road. The only exception concerns residents of Jade Park, a mobile home community. It is estimated that 1,200 to 1,300 students in the new district will be attending the school.



Mark Matheson, who guided Peoria through a 7-4-1 playoff campaign last fall, takes over the new program at Ironwood. The new Peoria school, located at 59th Avenue and Sweetwater, is one of two new public schools scheduled to open this fall. The other is Goldwater in Deer Valley. Two years ago Matheson took Peoria to the Class AA finals, where the Panthers lost to Flagstaff in the title game to finish 8-4-0. His two teams at PHS compiled a 15-8-1 record.

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GREATER PHOENIX LIST:

Player/High School	College Choice
QB..Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 6-0, 180	Arizona State
RB..Remy Carrasco, Gilbert, 6-1, 180	Arizona
RB..Art Greathouse, McClintock, 5-11, 195	Arizona
RB..Van Aldridge, Trevor Browne, 5-10, 170	Phoenix College
OL..Tony Conrad, Horizon, 6-3, 235	Northern Arizona
OL..Tom Merriam, McClintock, 6-4, 205	Northern Arizona
OL..Gary Pay, Apollo, 6-6, 230	Brigham Young
OL..Preston Lambert, Maryvale, 6-3, 250	Mesa CC
OL..Brent Dunn, Marcos de Niza, 6-3, 230	Air Force Academy
OL..David Henderson, Alhambra, 6-2, 220	Phoenix College
TE..Jim Hanawalt, Alhambra, 6-5, 215	Arizona
WR..Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 6-0, 170	Northern Arizona
WR..Cleveland Colter, Jr., McClintock, 6-2, 190	USC
LB..Wade Jackson, McClintock, 6-0, 200	Phoenix College
LB..Mike Lopez, Apollo, 6-2, 185	Phoenix College
LB..Drew Metcalf, McClintock, 6-3, 235	Arizona State
LB..Jeff Johnson, Camelback, 6-4, 215	Arizona State
LB..Darren Case, McClintock, 6-2, 205	Arizona
LB..Howie Powers, Cactus, 6-3, 205	Arizona
LB..Bob Davis, Mountain View, 6-0, 205	Brigham Young
DL..Kerry McDaniel, Agua Fria, 6-4, 210	Arizona State
DL..John Wilmowski, Brophy Prep, 6-4, 240	Arizona
DL..Mike Sanfratello, Coronado, 6-4, 220	Northern Arizona
DL..Jim Drape, Apollo, 6-2, 225	Arizona Force Academy
DL..Eric Ballew, McClintock, 6-0, 250	Phoenix College
DB..Greg Haynes, Marcos de Niza, 6-1, 170	Utah State
DB..Daryll Hillman, Marcos de Niza, 6-1, 180	Northern Arizona
PK..Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 6-0, 180	Phoenix College



McClintock QB Kent Kiefer (ASU).

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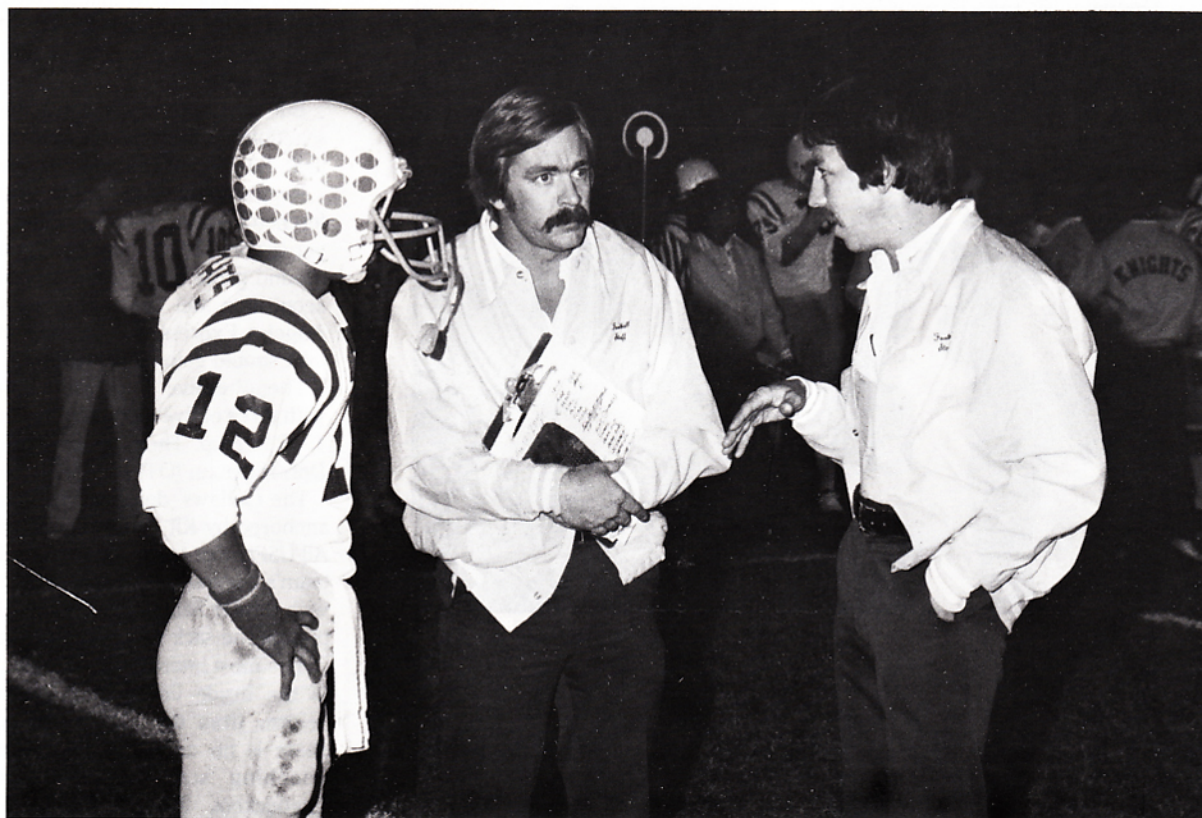
Flagstaff TB David Winsley (ASU).

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Player/High School	College Choice
QB..Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-1, 180	UTEP
RB..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 5-8, 178	Arizona State
RB..Chris Moga, Tucson Sabino, 6-0, 170	Kentucky
RB..Jon Volpe, Tucson Amphi, 5-9, 185	Stanford
OL..Ted Friedli, Tucson Amphi, 6-4, 240	Arizona State
WR..Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-1, 170	Arizona State
WR..Gerry Simmons, Tucson Pueblo, 6-0, 165	Arizona
WR..Mark Mariani, Tucson Sahuaro, 6-2, 175	UTEP
LB..Mike Loew, Tucson Amphi, 6-2, 205	Arizona
LB..Steve Vomaska, Canyon del Oro, 6-3, 207	Arizona
DL..Michael Desilets, Tucson Sunnyside, 6-1, 180	UTEP
DL..Mike Thorlin, Yuma, 6-3, 220	Weber State
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Kush and the Outlaws are back in action.



Rick Neuheisel (QB)*, Derek Holloway (WR)*, Alphonso Williams (WR), Eric Trullion (WR)* and Mark Keel (TE)* alone are enough to send any defense into a prevent permanently.

But, the Outlaws' game plan for 1986-87 is scheduled to portray an evenly balanced attack, 50 percent run and 50 percent pass.

Reggie Brown, the 1985 Western Conference's second leading rusher with 1,031 yards and 12 TDs, will carry much of the ground game load. Aided by new halfback acquisition Mel Gray, formerly of the Los Angeles Express, the Outlaws' running attack should gain respectability.

The offensive line again appears solid with three of five starters returning from the 1985 line up. They are Gerry Sullivan (C), Don Hickman (OT) and Alvin Powell (OG).

The Outlaws' defense will once more be anchored by Kit Lathrop, a member of the All-USFL first-team defense in 1985. The team's inspirational leader will unite forces with former San Diego Charger Bill Elko in putting the sack on opposing quarterbacks.

The most interesting situation on defense is the inside linebackers, where no one returns from the 1985 Outlaws' unit, yet there is no need to worry. The Outlaws coaching staff feels confident their linebackers, Jimmie Carter (GS), Steve Hathaway (ILB)*, Gary Padjen (ILB)* and Howard Carson (ILB)* are among the best.

A pass defense which ranked first in the Western Conference, the Outlaws secondary returns two safeties, Von Mansfield and Selwyn Drain, and one cornerback, David Martin. In addition, new reinforcement Troy West will aim for a performance similar to the six interceptions he had in 1984 with the Express.

Case deBruijn is a likely candidate for punter as he has performed consistently throughout his USFL career. And alas, another Zendejas. Not Marty or Luis, but Joaquin will handle the placekicking duties.

The 1986 Outlaws will confidently set foot on the gridiron in September against Tampa Bay after arising from the extended off season with an impressive assembly of proven players.

Outlaws' Stock Rises

The last official snap was nearly 11 months ago and now the time has come to get the second Arizona Outlaws' season underway. While the USFL is patiently awaiting its first fall schedule, its' eight teams have been cleaning house and preparing for a new beginning.

The Outlaws are no exception to the rule as the time between now and then has been well spent.

"We've built a very successful franchise both on and off the field that can not only compete in any league, but also represent Arizona permanently," said Outlaws President and General Manager Bill Tatham Jr. "Since the conclusion of the 1985 season we've had the opportunity to build from the ground up."

The extended off season presented the Outlaws with a chance to sift through their players, reflecting on past performances and who fit into the Outlaws' 1986 picture. From the appraisal emerged 56 new players; four new assistant coaches and the basis for a fresh start.

The talent hunt which combed through stranded USFL players, as well as NFL and CFL players, was such a success for the Arizona team that Outlaws Director of Operations and Scouting Tim Mills said, "This is the best overall team talent the Outlaws have ever had."

Of the 56 new players on the Outlaws' roster, 20 arrived directly from NFL experiences, 18 from former USFL clubs, three from now-merged USFL clubs and three directly from CFL experiences. The coaches added to Head Coach Frank Kush's staff have equally skilled backgrounds; Fred Biletnikoff (receivers), former Oakland Invader coach and all-time great receiver, Jim Bates (defensive coordinator), former head coach of the San Antonio Gunslingers, Tim Marcum (linebackers), former Gunslinger coach and David Knaus (defensive line), former Gunslinger coach.

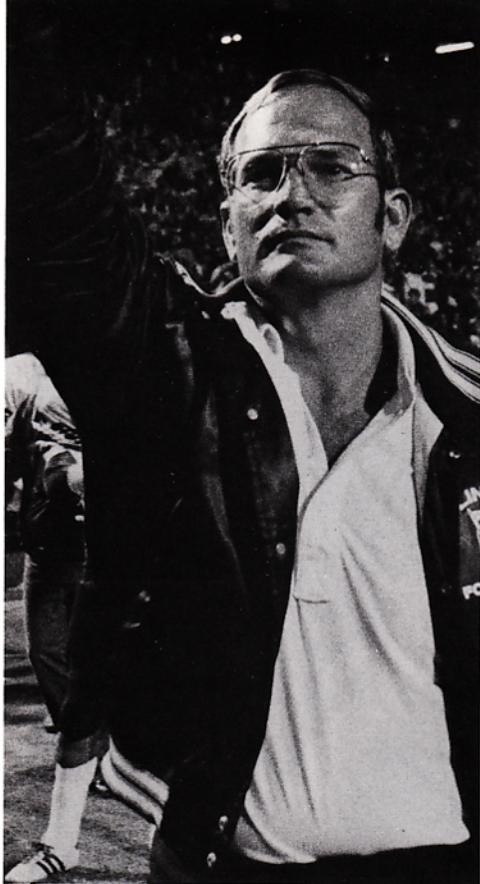
Among the off-season player signings were key offensive athletes who complete what appears to be a supreme scoring machine. The names Doug Williams (QB),

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'Devils Back in the Bowl Picture!

By Lonnie Collins

He passed the test. The Sun Devil fans like what they saw. Although they weren't too sure at first, after watching Arizona State score three points in three hours of play on September 14, in East Lansing, Michigan.

at the job, regrouped and won eight of their remaining 10 games. They dropped their final game to rival Arizona, 16-13 before 72,345 in Tempe, then fell to Arkansas in the Holiday Bowl, 18-17.

But for Cooper, who came to Tempe from Tulsa, his first year in Sun Devil Country was the highlight of his nine-year coaching career. Just ask him. At Arizona State, Cooper has a chance to establish a tradition and a string of bowl appearances. He also became the second coach in ASU history to win eight games in his first year. Dan Devine guided the Devils through an 8-2-1 campaign in 1955.

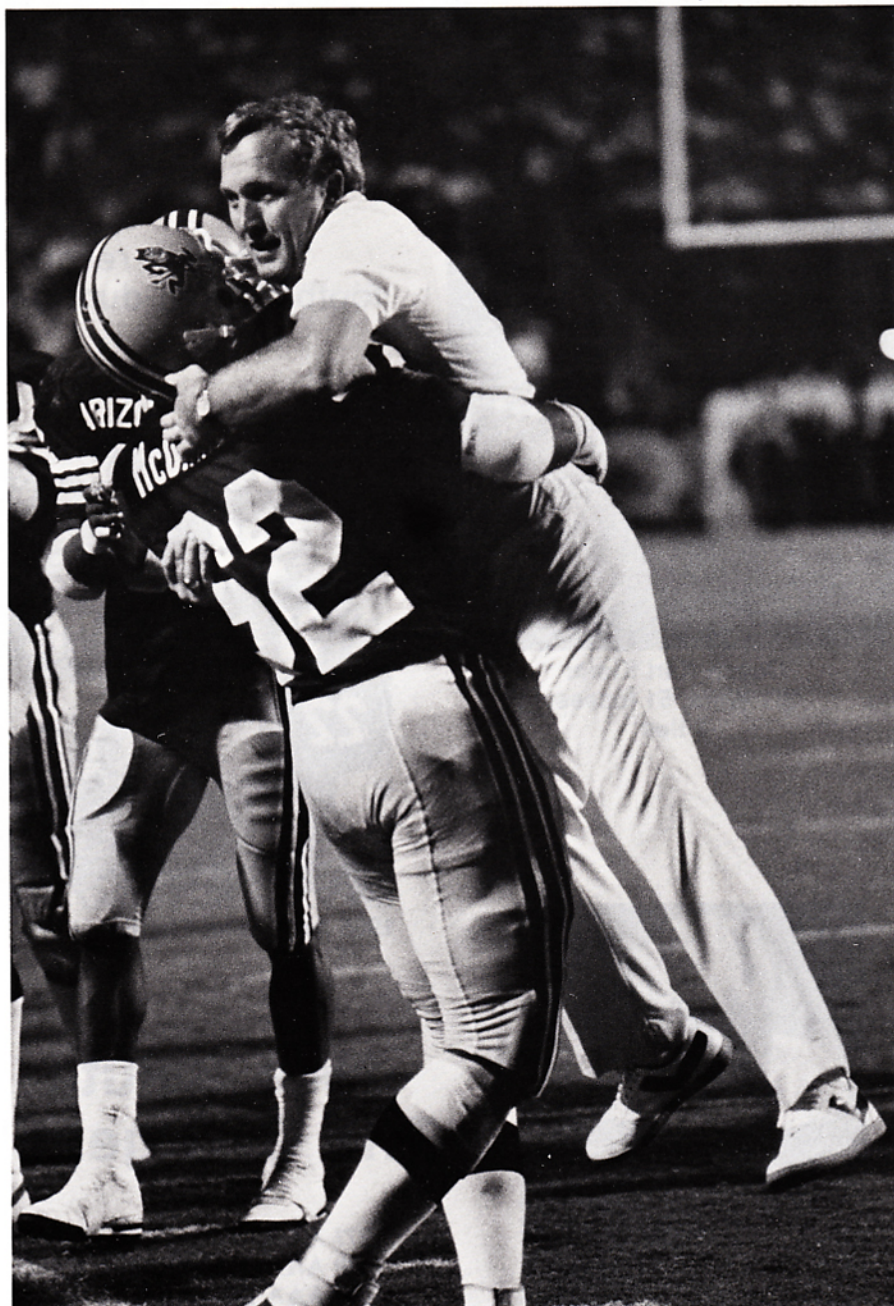
"This time around we're a lot more familiar with our personnel and the players are comfortable with us," says Cooper. "If we had last season to do all over again, I don't think we would change a thing. We were relatively free from injury, we improved as the season progressed and we were successful."

The schedule for 1986 is one of the toughest in the Pac-10. the Devils open at home against Michigan State, with Heisman hopeful Lorenzo White, followed by Southern Methodist and Washington State. Games with Southern Cal and UCLA are both on the road. Arizona State has never beaten UCLA - anywhere. The Devils are 4-2-0 against USC.

Cooper and his staff are set at quarterback. Senior Jeff Van Raaphorst has completed 57.5 percent of his passes. Depth will be supplied by redshirt freshmen Michael (6-3, 180) and Brett (6-0, 176) Johnson, and transfer Dan Ford (6-1, 205) from the University of Minnesota.

The backfield is a critical area. Darryl Harris (5-11, 180) and Darin Tupper (5-11, 216) were part-time starters. Junior college redshirt Linden Keiffer will help at TB, while Channing Williams (5-10, 217) will add depth at fullback. Sophomore Kirk Wendorf (6-0, 197) can play either position. "Runningback and flanker are the two areas of most concern for our football team," Cooper warns.

Junior WR Aaron Cox has become one of the premier receivers in the Pac-10. The 5-10, 178-pounder caught 40 passes last year, good for 788 yards and five touchdowns. His 95-yard TD reception against



Guard Randall McDaniel, a former all-state end from Agua Fria, celebrates 1985 victory over USC with Sun Devil head coach John Cooper. ASU won the Pac-10 game, 24-0 before 70,710 in Tempe. (Conley photo)

USC was the turning point of the game, and the most spectacular play of the 1985 season. Other receivers include Bruce Hill, Paul Day, Robert Lewis, Glenn Dennard, Tony Johnson and recruits Roy Hurd, an All-American from Phoenix College, and Tucson Sahuaro standout Steve Martin. Two years ago Martin caught a playoff record 12 passes for 224 yards against Phoenix St. Mary's in the Clas AAA championship game. Hurd, a South Mountain High product, was the MVP in the 1984 North-South

all-star game in Flagstaff.

Few college teams can boast three tight ends like Jeff Gallimore (6-3, 239), Stein Koss (6-3, 226) and Chris Garrett (6-4, 222), although Garrett was a bright spot at WR during the annual spring game last April.

The Sun Devils were fortunate to not have a major injury to an offensive lineman last year. Almost all those healthy bodies are back. Former strong tackle Danny Villa (6-5, 277) has been moved to quick tackle to replace Davie Fonoti. Senior Jim Warne

(6-7, 285) takes Villa's spot. Otherwise quick guard Randall McDaniel (6-4, 257), strong guard Todd Kalis (6-6, 267) and center Kevin Thomas (6-3, 262) remain stable. Others to watch include Todd Kiesbuy, Doug Larson, Steve Spurling, Scott Kirby and Eddie Grant. Almost all of the members of the interior line are products of local high schools.

Mike Schuh, the all-Pac-10 punter from Mesa Mountain View, averaged 41.7 yards and returns for three more seasons. He downed 12 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Place kicking chores belong to sophomore Kent Bostrom, who booted 18 of 25 field goals, including three in the Holiday Bowl.

The strength and depth of the defensive line was a concern entering last season. But opponents gained only 126.0 yards per game on the ground against the Devils' defense. And ASU returns its front wall intact: Shawn Patterson (6-5, 260), Skip McClendon (6-5, 264), Jimmy Reynosa (6-5, 257), and Dan Saleaumua (6-1, 290). Saleaumua missed spring drills with academic troubles and senior Larry McGlothen (6-2, 243) filled in. Depth comes from Frank Rudolph, Trace Armstrong, Onosai Tu'ua, and Teleni Wright.

Linebacker Scott Stephen (6-2, 224) was one of the best on the West Coast. He collected 95 tackles (55 solo), including nine QB sacks for minus 73 yards. Other promising outside linebackers include Rodney Dillard, Darren Willis, Robby Boyd and Steve Johnson. Inside, the area was hit hard by graduation. Standouts Greg Battle and John Knight are trying to make it in the pros. Candidates include juniors Stacy Harvey (6-4, 227), Pat Taylor (6-2, 228) and Greg Clark (6-0, 215), or redshirt freshman Mark Tingstad (6-1, 215).

The secondary lost David Fulcher to the pro football draft. Left on the roster are Darren Willis and Bernard Jones. Floyd Easley, an excellent junior college safety, could play immediately at free safety.

On the recruiting front, Cooper signed two local products with great stats: Tempe McClintock all-state QB Kent Kiefer and Flagstaff mini-back David Winsley. Kiefer became the most prolific passer in Arizona prep history with 6,346 yards in three seasons. The old record was 5,281, held by Douglas' Tony Cortez Rose, between 1973-76. Kiefer broke the national high school record held by California's Pat Haden when he completed 66.3 percent of his passes during his career.

Winsley, a 5-8, 178 speedster, scored 30 touchdowns last fall, 62 during his career. He rushed for 2,187 yards as a junior, 4,880 overall, erasing the legendary George Greathouse of Phoenix Union fame from the top of the charts. While Winsley was in school, the Eagles won three consecutive Class AA state championships. They were beaten in the first round of the AAA-II playoffs last year by Prescott.



Sun Devil defenders, led by Larry McGlothen (58) and Skip McClendon (88), bury Washington runningback during surprising 36-7 win over Pac-10 rival. In seven battles with the Huskies, ASU has won four. (Ken Akers photo)

DEVIL NEWCOMERS High School

Position/Name	Hometown/School
QB..Kent Keifer, 6-0, 180	Tempe McClintock, AZ
QB..Paul Justin, 6-4, 185	Schaumburg, IL
RB..David Winsley, 5-8, 178	Flagstaff, AZ
RB..Leland Adams, 5-10, 170	West Covina, CA
RB..Greg Rice, 6-1, 190	Cliffwood Matawan, NJ
RB..Victor Cahoon, 5-11, 180	Manassas Osbourn Park, VA
WR..Steve Martin, 6-1, 170	Tucson Sahuaro, AZ
OL..Ted Friedli, 6-4, 238	Tucson Amphitheater, AZ
OL..Michael Simmons, 6-7, 315	Tulsa McClain, OK
OL..Jeff Sturdivant, 6-6, 240	Cupertino Monte Vista, CA
OL..Ryan McReynolds, 6-7, 245	Rowland Heights, CA
DL..Kerry McDaniel, 6-4, 210	Avondale Agua Fria, AZ
DL..Mike Rasp, 6-7, 225	McKeesport Norwin, PA
DL..Pete Tucker, 6-5, 240	Huntington Beach Oceanview, CA
DL..Andre Lacey, 6-4, 255	Manassas Osbourn Park, VA
LB..Drew Metcalf, 6-3, 235	Tempe McClintock, AZ
LB..Jeff Johnson, 6-4, 215	Phoenix Camelback, AZ
LB..Dwayne King, 6-3, 215	Toms River South, NJ
LB..Kevin McGill, 6-4, 225	Modesto Downey, CA
DB..Chad Burnett, 6-4, 180	Littleton Arapahoe, CO
DB..Daryl Banks, 6-2, 188	Aliquippa, PA
PK..Alan Zendejas, 5-9, 175	Chino Don Lugo, CA

Junior College

RB..Kenny Rock, 5-10, 210	Phoenix College, AZ
WR..Roy Hurd, 6-2, 193	Phoenix College, AZ
TE..Gary Knudson, 6-5, 240	Walla Walla, WA
OL..Scott Claypoole, 6-4, 255	Phoenix College, AZ
LB..Rich Zumwalt, 6-4, 220	Huntington Beach Golden West, CA
LB..Pete Carter, 6-1, 218	Fullerton, CA
DB..Floyd Easley, 5-11, 185	Riverside, CA



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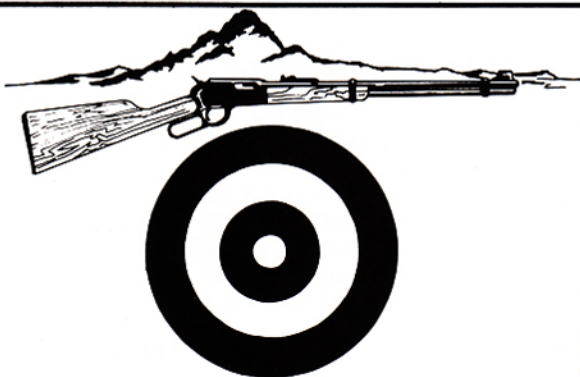


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ALL-TIME PHOENIX METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL RECORDS

TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)

- 29 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 29 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 26 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 25 .. Quentin Gregory, Arcadia, 1960
- 25 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 25 .. Paul Kasprzyk, Mtn. View, 1983
- 25 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
- 23 .. Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
- 23 .. Remy Carrasco, Gilbert, 1985
- 22 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, 1954 (jr)
- 22 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
- 22 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
- 22 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1982 (jr)

TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)

- 63 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 60 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
- 54 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
- 52 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 47 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 46 .. Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44
- 43 .. LaFayette Winrow, Carver, 1950-53

TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)

- 6 .. Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 6 .. Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952
- 6 .. Brad Royse, Tempe, 1969
- 6 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 6 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 6 .. Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984
- 5 .. Charles Gilliland, Phoenix Union, 1920
- 5 .. Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921
- 5 .. Pat Higgins, St. Mary's, 1940
- 5 .. Johnny Graham, Mesa, 1942
- 5 .. Duane Parrish, Chandler, 1948
- 5 .. Marvin Williams, Tempe, 1949
- 5 .. LaFayette Winrow, Carver, 1952
- 5 .. Ken Aycock, North, 1953
- 5 .. Mike Tiffany, St. Mary's, 1956
- 5 .. Ted Newman, North, 1956
- 5 .. Richard Molina, Mesa, 1957
- 5 .. Andy Livingston, Mesa, 1961
- 5 .. Nick Koory, Glendale, 1963
- 5 .. Chuck Bishop, Judson, 1964
- 5 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1966
- 5 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1966
- 5 .. Dan White, West, 1967
- 5 .. David Hinds, McClintock, 1972
- 5 .. Kent Roberts, East, 1974
- 5 .. Andy Arredondo, McClintock, 1976
- 5 .. Terry Payne, McClintock, 1980
- 5 .. Chuck Abbadessa, McClintock, 1980
- 5 .. Vince Lopez, Agua Fria, 1981
- 5 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1982, (jr)
- 5 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 5 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983

POINTS (SEASON)

- 213 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985
- 181 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 174 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 174 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 157 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 152 .. Paul Kasprzyk, Mtn. View, 1983
- 150 .. Quentin Gregory, Arcadia, 1960

- 148 .. Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
- 144 .. Ed Hartman, Coronado, 1969
- 144 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1973 (jr)
- 141 .. Mike Tiffany, St. Mary's, 1956

POINTS (CAREER)

- 383 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 376 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 368 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
- 353 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 344 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1981-83
- 303 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1983-85
- 289 .. Lowell McDonald, Glendale, 1941-44

POINTS (GAME)

- 36 .. Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 36 .. Bill Crabtree, Agua Fria, 1952
- 36 .. Brad Royse, Tempe, 1969
- 36 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 36 .. Anthony Parker, McClintock, 1983
- 36 .. Art Greathouse, McClintock, 1984

RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)

- 1,991 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 1,952 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
- 1,927 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 1,913 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
- 1,912 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 1,771 .. Remy Carrasco, Gilbert, 1985
- 1,720 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1967
- 1,671 .. Dennis James, Tempe, 1982
- 1,640 .. Paul Kasprzyk, Mtn. View, 1983
- 1,576 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, 1954 (jr)

RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)

- 4,551 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, 1952-55
- 4,307 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1944-46
- 4,050 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972-74
- 3,632 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973-75
- 3,561 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1978-81
- 3,520 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1964-67
- 3,257 .. Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1975-77
- 3,445 .. Don Washington, Agua Fria, 1968-71

RUSHING YARDS (GAME)

- 358 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 344 .. Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
- 339 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1972 (so.)
- 327 .. Jim McQuinn, Central, 1976
- 314 .. Vai Sikahema, Mesa, 1978
- 307 .. Chuck Bishop, Judson, 1964
- 306 .. Eric Parham, Marcos de Niza, 1982
- 304 .. Tony Marquez, Apache Junction, 1971

CARRIES (GAME)

- 300 .. Cotton Rieman, Phoenix Union, 1928
- 300 .. Conrad Flippen, Phoenix Union, 1930
- 44 .. Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
- 43 .. Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1975
- 40 .. Craig Amack, Tempe, 1974
- 39 .. Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1976

- 37 .. Steve Romero, Mesa, 1970
- 37 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1973 (jr)
- 37 .. Gus Armstrong, St. Mary's, 1975
- 37 .. Larry Muckerman, Brophy, 1964

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)

- 12.3 .. Rick Kelton, Gilbert, 1974
- 10.8 .. Jerry Lamb, Chandler, 1955 (jr)
- 10.7 .. Everett Rollins, Arcadia, 1962
- 10.0 .. Earliest Nelson, South, 1963
- 9.6 .. Frank Bernal, North, 1964
- 9.5 .. Brian Pringle, Sunnyslope, 1970
- 9.3 .. Kevin Greene, Trevor Browne, 1985 (jr)
- 9.2 .. Joe Jackson, South, 1963
- 9.1 .. Don Whitlatch, Coronado, 1972

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

- 99 .. Sammy Johnson, Mesa, 1952
- 99 .. Craig Ponczak, Gerard, 1964
- 99 .. Jerry Harper, Chaparral, 1980
- 99 .. Tom Collins, Apollo, 1985
- 98 .. Jim Rawlins, Tempe, 1950
- 98 .. Danny Arredondo, Tempe, 1952
- 97 .. Kenny Rubis, Tempe, 1955
- 97 .. Warren Livingston, Mesa, 1956
- 97 .. Tim Smith, St. Mary's, 1966 (jr)
- 97 .. Larry Hemphill, Westwood, 1969
- 97 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1973 (so)
- 97 .. John Rosales, Chandler, 1977

RUSHING YARDS (PER GAME)

- 181.0 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1946
- 173.8 .. Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria, 1982
- 162.1 .. Scott Shill, Corona del Sol, 1981
- 160.6 .. Bob Soza, Westwood, 1966
- 157.6 .. George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, 1954 (jr)
- 151.5 .. Forrest Valora, Trevor Browne, 1977
- 149.2 .. George Greathouse, Carver, 1952 (fr)
- 148.6 .. Ronnie Bonner, Westwood, 1973 (jr)
- 147.0 .. David Mitchell, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)

PASSING YARDS (SEASON)

- 2,539 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1985
- 2,233 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1984
- 2,170 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983 (so)
- 2,011 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974
- 1,984 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973 (jr)
- 1,951 .. Chuck LeVinus, Cactus, 1984
- 1,947 .. Kevin Smith, Saguaro, 1978 (jr)
- 1,892 .. Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
- 1,891 .. Mike Hold, Corona del Sol, 1980
- 1,864 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1984
- 1,856 .. John Rodriguez, St. Mary's, 1981

PASSING YARDS (CAREER)

- 6,346 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
- 4,712 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982-84
- 4,596 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
- 4,007 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1969-71
- 3,995 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74
- 3,597 .. Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
- 3,474 .. Tom Campbell, Seton, 1967-69
- 3,351 .. John Walker, MDN, 1981-83

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In 1985, Tempe McClintock's Chris Baniszewski, bound for NAU, caught more passes (68) than any receiver in Phoenix metro history. (Arizona Republic photo)

PASSING YARDS (GAME)

- 404 .. Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
- 403 .. Rick Johnson, PV, 1983
- 385 .. Rick Savale, Arcadia, 1966
- 380 .. Bob Pitre, Arcadia, 1975
- 365 .. Todd Sheridan, Arcadia, 1982
- 351 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
- 351 .. Kerry Kersting, Alhambra, 1978
- 346 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982
- 342 .. Don Hibbard, Gilbert, 1977
- 338 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1974
- 327 .. John Walker, Marcos de Niza, 1983

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)

- 24 .. Chris Calcagno, Gerard, 1974
- 23 .. Greg Hubbell, Central, 1972
- 23 .. Chris Stanfield, Mesa, 1981
- 22 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1967
- 22 .. Chris Skelly, St. Mary's, 1974
- 21 .. Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969 (so)
- 20 .. Bill Burrola, Moon Valley, 1975
- 20 .. Jim Fossenkemper, McClintock, 1980
- 20 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1984

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)

- 51 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-85
- 45 .. Tom Baker, St. Mary's, 1969-71
- 40 .. Bill Mannion, St. Mary's, 1966-68
- 40 .. Steve Belles, St. Mary's, 1982-84
- 37 .. Chris Calcagno, Gerard, 1972-74
- 36 .. Horace Griffen, Mesa, 1936-38
- 36 .. Tom Campbell, Seton, 1967-69

- 33 .. Kent Kiefer, McClintock, 1983-84
- 32 .. Brian Selvidge, Gilbert, 1983-84
- 31 .. Rusty Tillman, Agua Fria, 1961-63
- 31 .. Cary Palmer, Mesa, 1973-74
- 31 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982-84
- 30 .. Fernando Walker, Chandler, 1965-67

TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)

- 6 .. Duncan Brown, Mesa, 1924
- 6 .. Charlie Beal, Mesa, 1943
- 6 .. Gary Carpenter, North, 1968
- 5 .. Gilbert Martinez, Chandler, 1958
- 5 .. Ted Blake, Sunnyslope, 1965
- 5 .. Pete Harter, Chandler, 1965
- 5 .. Mike Makings, Scottsdale, 1971
- 5 .. Fred Mortensen, Tempe, 1971
- 5 .. Shawn Gilbert, Agua Fria, 1982
- 5 .. Scooter Molander, CDS, 1982
- 5 .. Jeff Zygmunt, Deer Valley, 1984

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

- 98 .. Ken Butler to Ralph Flores, Sunnyslope, 1960
- 97 .. Al Eliserio to Al Dossie, Phoenix Union, 1976
- 97 .. Steve Belles to Chris Buford, St. Mary's, 1982
- 95 .. Carey Palmer to Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
- 94 .. Al Martinez to Keith Rawls, Corona del Sol, 1982

- 94 .. Steve Shill to Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1978
- 92 .. Scooter Molander to Marvin Goudeau, Corona del Sol, 1983

CATCHES (SEASON)

- 68 .. Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
- 64 .. Scott McLouth, Gilbert, 1985
- 61 .. Bryan Snyder, Sunnyslope, 1983 (jr)
- 60 .. Bill Sorcinelli, Camelback, 1964
- 59 .. Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1984
- 58 .. Ed Flores, Arcadia, 1976
- 58 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
- 57 .. Greg Anderson, St. Mary's, 1967
- 57 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
- 56 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
- 55 .. Bryan Johnson, CDS, 1984
- 55 .. Andy Teilborg, Sunnyslope, 1984
- 54 .. Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962

CATCHES (CAREER)

- 119 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
- 117 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1983-85
- 95 .. Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1982-84
- 92 .. R. Groppenbacher, McClintock, 1982-84
- 90 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1964-66
- 87 .. Tim Johnson, Arcadia, 1973-75
- 87 .. Nick Ortega, McClintock, 1967-69
- 85 .. Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1977-78
- 82 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71

CATCHES (GAME)

- 16 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
- 12 .. Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1978
- 12 .. Adam Mesa, Gilbert, 1982
- 12 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
- 12 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
- 11 .. Mark Gonzales, Tempe, 1973
- 11 .. Dale Lyons, Arcadia, 1974
- 11 .. Pete Klaass, PV, 1983 (jr)
- 11 .. Andy Teilborg, Sunnyslope, 1984
- 10 .. Mike Cosgrove, Bourgade, 1968
- 10 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1975
- 10 .. David Donahue, McClintock, 1982
- 10 .. Bob Davis, Mtn. View, 1985

RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)

- 302 .. Pete Klaass, PV, 1983 (jr)
- 296 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
- 270 .. Keith Rawls, CDS, 1982
- 226 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1971
- 225 .. Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
- 224 .. David Donahue, McClintock, 1982
- 220 .. Todd Young, MDN, 1983 (jr)
- 214 .. Bryan Johnson, CDS, 1984
- 208 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
- 206 .. Ron Turner, North, 1968

RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)

- 1,226 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973
- 1,090 .. Larry Bandura, Scottsdale, 1975
- 1,090 .. Chris Baniszewski, McClintock, 1985
- 1,038 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
- 1,008 .. Pete Klaass, PV, 1983 (jr)
- 1,014 .. Pat Schabel, Westwood, 1984
- 997 .. Keith Miller, Mountain View, 1978
- 986 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
- 939 .. Pete Hernandez, Chandler, 1965
- 934 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)

- 2,172 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
- 1,585 .. R. Groppenbacher, McClintock 1982-84
- 1,488 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71
- 1,470 .. Travis Ligons, Cactus, 1982-84

1,403 .. Brad Anderson, Alhambra, 1977-78
 1,339 .. Guy Logan,
 Corona del Sol, 1978-80

TD CATCHES (SEASON)

14 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1974 (jr)
 14 .. Dewey Horton, Gilbert, 1977
 13 .. Muri Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 13 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 13 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1971
 13 .. Mike Baker, Gerard, 1974
 13 .. James Sosinski, McClintock, 1980
 12 .. Marvin Scott, Mesa, 1945
 12 .. Mickey Hatcher, Mesa, 1973

TD CATCHES (CAREER)

29 .. Speedy Hart, St. Mary's, 1973-75
 19 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, 1968-70
 18 .. Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1972-74
 17 .. Rick Molina, Tempe, 1970-71
 16 .. Marvin Scott, Mesa, 1943-45
 16 .. Herbie Ramirez, McClintock, 1972-75
 16 .. R. Groppenbacher, McClintock, 1982-84

TD CATCHES (GAME)

4 .. Muri Huff, Phoenix Union, 1924
 4 .. Cecil Crouch, Mesa, 1943
 4 .. Jim Palmer, Scottsdale, 1962
 4 .. Mike Bowling, Agua Fria, 1966
 4 .. Dan White, West, 1967
 4 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, 1969
 4 .. Jesus Tirado, Marcos de Niza, 1974

AVERAGE YARDS PER CATCH (SEASON)

37.7 .. Tom White, Saguaro, 1975
 28.3 .. Randall McDaniel, Agua Fria, 1982
 27.8 .. Robert Halley, Trevor Browne, 1983
 26.1 .. Chris Buford, St. Mary's, 1981 (jr)
 25.1 .. Ruben Gomez, Corona del Sol, 1980
 23.3 .. Darion Gilbert, PUHS, 1970
 23.1 .. Glenn Dennard, MDN, 1980 (jr)
 22.8 .. James Sosinski, McClintock, 1980
 22.5 .. Everett Rollins, Arcadia, 1962

INTERCEPTIONS (SEASON)

15 .. Mike Vere, Bourgade, 1972
 14 .. Mickey Bell, Cactus, 1979
 13 .. Shawn Benson, Mesa, 1981
 12 .. Bill Dibley, Arcadia, 1965 (jr)
 12 .. Scott Hutson, Mtn. View, 1983
 11 .. Todd Nielson, Marcos de Niza, 1973
 11 .. Jeff Taylor, Central, 1975
 11 .. Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983

INTERCEPTIONS (CAREER)

19 .. Bill Dibley, Arcadia, 1965-66
 17 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, 1968-70
 17 .. Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983-85

INTERCEPTIONS (GAME)

5 .. Dick Gwinn, Judson, 1964
 4 .. Ned Newell, Mesa, 1921

4 .. Albert Guthrie, Mesa, 1921
 4 .. Craig Cardon, Mesa, 1966
 4 .. Pat Farrell, St. Mary's, 1969
 4 .. Dick Harris, Westwood, 1970
 4 .. Mark Oligschlaeger, Bourgade, 1972
 4 .. Brett Baker, Saguaro, 1974
 4 .. Vince Martinez, Tempe, 1981
 4 .. Steve McDowell, Gilbert, 1983

LONGEST RETURN (INTERCEPTION)

105 .. T.C. Richmond, Agua Fria, 1985
 103 .. John Heffton, Moon Valley, 1980
 102 .. Quincy Fowler, St. Mary's, 1941
 102 .. Elby Bushong, Washington, 1961
 102 .. Chris Enos, Cortez, 1982
 100 .. Benny Garcia, Agua Fria, 1962
 100 .. Mike Smith, Phoenix Christian, 1962
 100 .. David Given, McClintock, 1975
 100 .. Scott Lubow, Shadow Mtn. 1984

FIELD GOALS (SEASON)

19 .. Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1985
 13 .. Phil Insalaco, PC, 1984
 11 .. Matt McKinney, Saguaro, 1978
 11 .. Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1984
 9 .. Rick Romero, Gilbert, 1975
 9 .. Dave Wood, Washington, 1978 (jr)
 9 .. Richard Jones, Chaparral, 1982

FIELD GOALS (CAREER)

36 .. Mike Cortright, St. Mary's, 1983-85
 22 .. Dave Wood, Washington, 1976-79
 15 .. Monte Varah, Saguaro, 1973-75
 14 .. Richard Jones, Chaparral, 1981-82
 12 .. Luis Vega, West, 1966-67

FIELD GOALS (GAME)

4 .. Lawrence Bever, Phoenix Union, 1925
 4 .. Phil Insalaco, PC, 1984
 3 .. Luis Vega, West, 1966 (jr)
 3 .. Luis Vega, West, 1967
 3 .. Monte Varah, Saguaro, 1974 (jr)
 3 .. Rob Bell, Tempe, 1976 (jr)
 3 .. Steve Miller, St. Mary's, 1976
 3 .. Rob Bell, Tempe, 1977
 3 .. Brad Stewart, Agua Fria, 1977
 3 .. Matt Maddux, Tolleson, 1979
 3 .. John Knight, Apollo, 1979
 3 .. Richard Jones, Chaparral, 1981 (jr)
 3 .. Mike Cortwright, St. Mary's, 1983 (so)
 3 .. Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, 1984 (so)
 3 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

54 .. Bob Facio, Gerard, 1977
 54 .. Chuck Hunzinger, Deer Valley, 1984
 52 .. Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 52 .. Benny Moreno, North, 1977
 52 .. David Ohton, Alhambra, 1977
 52 .. Scott Reutter, Moon Valley, 1984
 50 .. Lee Pistor, Central, 1973
 50 .. Dave Wood, Washington, 1977

50 .. Lee Penick, West, 1977
 50 .. Quin Rodriguez, Dobson, 1985

PATS (SEASON)

63 .. Frank Coen, McClintock, 1980
 58 .. Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1982
 52 .. Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979 (jr)
 52 .. R. Groppenbacher, McClintock, 1983 (jr)
 52 .. R. Groppenbacher, McClintock, 1984

PATS (CAREER)

134 .. R. Groppenbacher, McClintock 1982-84
 115 .. Frank Coen, McClintock, 1979-80
 88 .. Tony McClure, McClintock, 1976-77
 88 .. Barry Duncan, Moon Valley, 1981-82

PATS (GAME)

15 .. Danny White, Westwood, 1969
 11 .. Ed Brooks, Phoenix Union, 1914
 10 .. Cleveland Colter, McClintock, 1985

LONGEST PUNT

99 .. Walter Williams, Mesa, 1925 (national record)
 84 .. John Durso, Arcadia, 1976
 80 .. Justus Goebel, Phoenix Union, 1910
 77 .. Doug Pasanella, Paradise Valley, 1978
 75 .. Oscar Reynolds, St. Mary's, 1939
 75 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945
 75 .. Dennis Goettl, Central, 1973

PUNTING AVERAGE

47.5 .. Jeff Skousen, Mesa, 1922
 47.0 .. Jim McCann, North, 1965
 45.9 .. Whizzer White, Mesa, 1945 (jr)
 45.7 .. Kevin Rutledge, Gilbert, 1976
 44.6 .. Pat Hawbaker, St. Mary's, 1971
 44.5 .. Mike Springer, Mtn. View, 1982
 44.2 .. Billy Ray, Camelback, 1985

LONGEST FUMBLE RECOVERY (TD)

101 .. Ray Elzey, Phoenix Union, 1941
 99 .. Sam Houston, St. Mary's, 1944
 98 .. Robert Taylor, Carver, 1950
 98 .. Harry Trotter, Phoenix Union, 1975
 94 .. Paul Brandon, Alhambra, 1982
 94 .. Jerry Thompson, Deer Valley, 1984

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)

100 .. Larry Royse, Tempe, 1956
 100 .. Tom Ribaudo, East, 1967
 97 .. Ron Phifer, Camelback, 1955

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN (TD)

99 .. Lavell Blackburn, Mesa, 1926
 99 .. Alec Austin, Shadow Mountain, 1976
 99 .. Major Farris, Carl Hayden, 1976
 99 .. Tom Peck, McClintock, 1981
 99 .. Byron Autry, CDS, 1985

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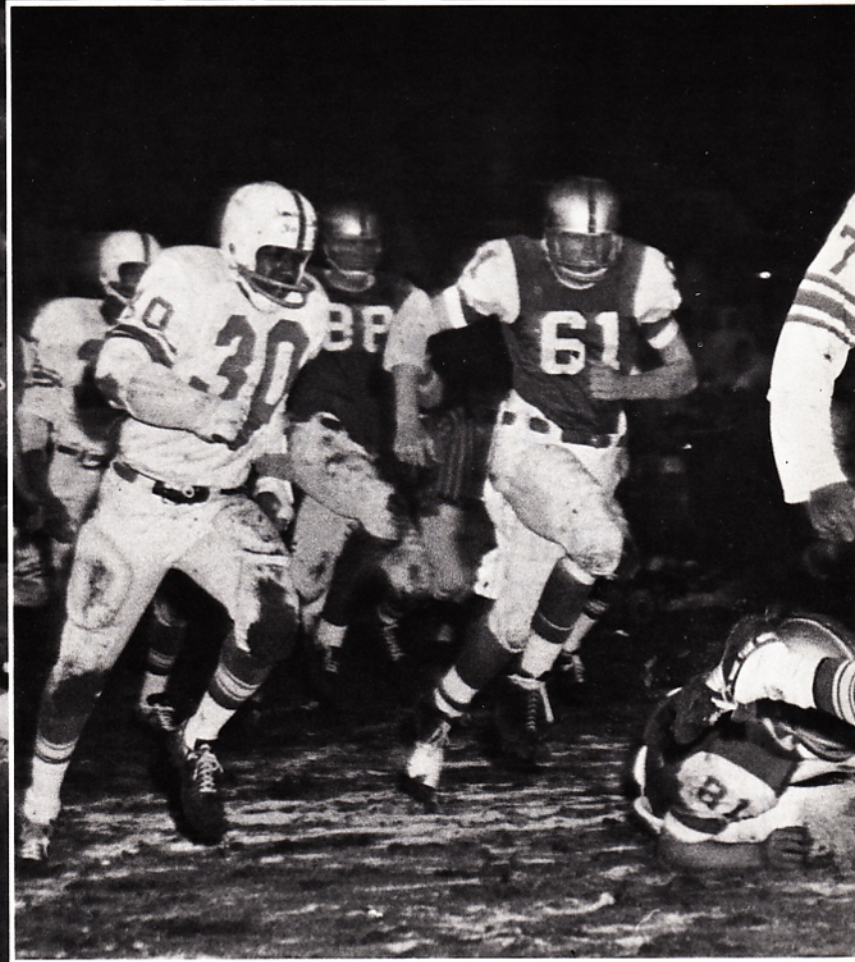


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BOYS TOWN vs THE USA!

Skip Palrang's traveling football machine, for more than three decades, included schools like Detroit Catholic Central and Phoenix St. Mary's among its' victims.

By Harry Sollenberger



On September 15, 1982, Anaheim Servite, the top-ranked high school football team in California, flew 2,000 miles to Ohio to play that state's top-rated club, Cincinnati Moeller.

Moeller, thanks to a fourth quarter touchdown jaunt by halfback Hiawatha Francisco, beat their visitors from the Far West, 29-15. Senior QB Steve Beuerlein tossed two touchdown passes for the losers.

It was Servite's only loss in 12 games. Moeller, without controversial coach Gerry Faust, who had taken the Notre Dame job, finished 13-0.

Earlier, Moeller's weekly newsletter, edited by athletic director Jeff Liebert, stated that Servite had "traveled farther for the game than any high school football team in history."

Wrong.

Not even close!

For nearly a century, high school football teams have journeyed from one corner of the U.S.A. to the other, seeking fame and glory outside their own state.

Prior to World War II, when transportation was inferior by today's standards, teams traveled from San Francisco to Honolulu, Toledo to Portland, Chicago to Miami, Boston to Colorado Springs or Omaha to Phoenix.

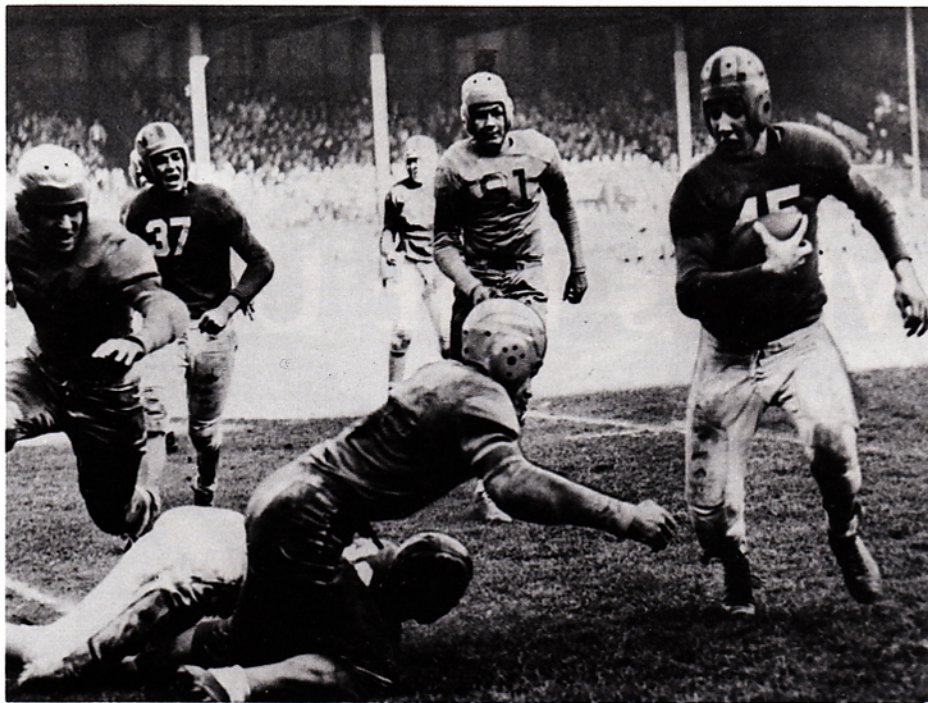
The *Omaha World-Herald* was one of the first Nebraska newspapers to break the sad news. On February 7, 1978, at age 71, Maurice "Skip" Palrang, whose name became synonymous with athletic powerhouses at nearby Boys Town, had died.

His death closed the book on one of the most famous and unique high school sports programs in America's history. Palrang, who retired in 1972 after 29 years as coach and teacher at BT, died at home of an apparent heart attack.

"Boys Town and Little Rock Central, based on academic and athletic success, as well as historical value, are the two most famous high schools in the United States," insisted Art Johlfs of the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis, when hearing of Palrang's passing. "No high school outdrew Boys Town's regular-season games."

"They are wide-traveling, successful and strong year-after-year," wrote Sid Bordman of the *Kansas City Star* in 1963. "No school in cornland can match the mileage on Boys Town's schedule. In 1961, they played teams from Omaha, Minneapolis, Chicago, Sioux City and Sioux Falls, then closed out against a crew from Pittsburgh.

"Off the gridiron Palrang is soft spoken," added Bordman. "On the field he is a strict disciplinarian who stresses conditioning and fundamentals. You might



(Detroit Free Press)

Johnny Brogan, Boys Town stellar fullback, picks up yardage against Detroit Catholic Central, before 43,539 fans at Briggs Stadium in 1943 game which ended in a draw.

expect that from one who has a Master's degree in chemistry and is athletic director for 900 homeless boys."

Palrang was most famous for his success with Boys Town's football teams, which won 201 games, lost 66 and tied 12 during his 29 years at the helm. Five teams were undefeated, six lost but one game and seven lost only two.

Fearful by local teams, the Cowboys, also called the West Dodgers, were not admitted to the Omaha Metropolitan Conference until 1964, and were forced to roam the nation for games. They played in 21 states and the District of Columbia, often in fund raisers for BT and the hosting school.

From the Far West to the Deep South, Palrang's traveling football machine played in such arenas as the Orange Bowl in Miami, Forbes Field in Pittsburgh, Briggs Stadium in Detroit, Kezar Stadium in San Francisco, Soldier Field in Chicago and the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Huge crowds, thrilling games, undefeated seasons and appearances all over the United States were all part of a golden era of athletics at BT that lasted throughout most of Palrang's coaching tenure. His intersectional football record was 75 wins, 33 losses and six ties.

He achieved that success with the talent at hand, homeless and troubled kids who found a haven at Father Flanagan's Boys Town. His success won him many awards. In 1946 and 1965, the National Football Coach of the Year; in 1946, the Pop Warner Foundation of Philadelphia award; in 1967, the Rockne Club citation in Kansas City.

While Palrang, an alumnus of Regis College in Denver, became a household word

in sports circles in the Midwest, his players became living legends: Leonard Kroll, Laverne Busch, Tommy Carodine, Ken Morris, Jimmy Mitchell, Jake Williams, Jimmy Gunnell, Frank Curry, Bobby Maddux, Wilburn Hollis, Tommy Robbins, Kenny Gilchrist, Ken Geddes, Nate McKinney and Dennis Binkowski, to name just a few.

They played before crowds of 45,000 in Detroit, 24,000 in Lincoln, 22,000 in New York, and 20,000 in Pittsburgh. The annual

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Boys Town-Detroit Catholic Central game was one of the most famous inter-state battles in high school football.

Although Palrang was known for his success with BT football teams, the former professional pitcher also handled two state baseball championship teams. He conquered the basketball world, too. Three of his teams at BT won state titles, and three at Creighton Prep. His teams were never defeated in the state finals, and in 1953 he was selected National Basketball Coach of the Year.



Danny Seivert,
Phoenix St. Mary's



Leonard Kroll,
Boys Town

At BT, where his basketball record was 240-95, he was an innovator on the court. He adopted a full-court pressure defense which terrorized opponents long before the style became famous at national powerhouses like Houston Wheatley, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico. He was 118-21 in five seasons at Creighton Prep.

"He was an outstanding disciplinarian," says Ollie Mayfield, the 1953 Nebraska football coach of the year at Ralston, and later a winner of the same award at Tucson, Arizona. "When he talked, the players listened. You could really see it in basketball. We never saw them play much in football because they were always on the road. But we watched them in basketball."

Except for three seasons at Creighton University and a brief World War II job in Kansas City, Palrang was connected with high school sports for 38 years. He arrived at Creighton Prep (the 1985 Nebraska state football champ) in 1930, left BT in 1972. As the head coach at Prep, between 1934-39, Palrang was 37-11-1 (.770), his 1939 club finished 8-0-0. His overall football record at both schools was 238-77-13, one of the nation's best.

Boys Town got out of the blocks fast. The race started in a hurry. Although founded in 1917, Father Flanagan didn't organize a high school football team until 1935.

They went 41 games without a loss.

In their first year of competition, 24,000 fans watched the Blue & White beat Lincoln Southside 13-0 in a prelude to the Nebraska-Oregon State game on Thanksgiving Day. Speedy QB Tony Villone, the West Dodgers' first grid star, scored both BT touchdowns.

"They came to see my boys play," smiled Flanagan. Not really Father, but they did see their local Cornhuskers beat the Beavers, 26-20.

Father Flanagan's juvenile community, a haven for underprivileged youth, was unbeaten but tied in November of 1938, after stepping off a Union Pacific train in Los Angeles. An overflow crowd of 10,000 at old Gilmore Stadium watched the Ken Corcoran-coached Cowboys beat the Black Foxe Military Academy of Los Angeles, 20-12.

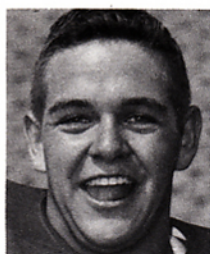
Bing Crosby, Clark Gable, Norma Shearer, Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, Pat O'Brien, Robert Taylor and Don Ameche



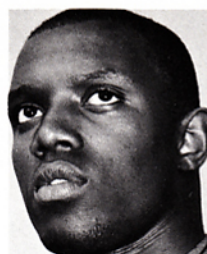
Jimmy Gunnell,
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joined the list of Hollywood celebrities who bought blocks of tickets. The game was broadcast live over national network radio, and covered by every national newsreel company.

The winning streak stayed alive, barely, for six years. An Iowa school, Missouri Valley, tied Corcoran's crew 6-6 in 1940, giving BT a 37-0-1 mark. Two weeks later Eddie Dulin was the hero of the day, going 102 yards with a pass interception to tie Omaha Cathedral, 12-12. The streak reached 38-0-2.

Then Omaha Holy Name fell 14-0 in the mud at BT, and Ord's state record of 40 games without a loss belonged to Father Flanagan's boys. Ironically, the streak ended a week later in a charity game, played in Iowa, as Sioux City Trinity shot down the Cowboys, 12-0 in "the mud and rain." All proceeds went to the Knights of Columbus Christmas Fund.

It was a bad year for the nation in 1943. The world was still at war. But it was a great year at Boys Town for two reasons: Creighton University dropped football and BT hired their head coach, Maurice Palrang.

Holy Name marred Palrang's debut as the BT boss, 12-6, but the season ended with an incredible road trip to the East, beating St. Michael's High, 14-7 before 10,000 fans at Roosevelt Stadium in Union City, New Jersey; losing to Chelsea High, 27-7 in Boston before another throng of 10,000; then beating Gonzaga Prep, 12-6 before 15,000 fans in Washington, D.C.

The school's first all-stater in football, Johnny Brogan, a 5-10, 165-pound sophomore back from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, led Palrang's traveling machine through a 7-3-2 campaign in 1944. In October, BT fought Detroit Catholic Central to a 14-14 tie at Briggs Stadium in Detroit, before 43,539 fans. It was the largest prep crowd in Michigan history.

Box seats went for \$5.00, reserve \$2.20 and general admission \$1.10. After the game, BT players were besieged by autograph seekers as they left the field.

In November, Brogan scored on a brilliant 65-yard run, but it wasn't enough as BT fell 18-12 to Gonzaga Prep in Spokane, Washington. Then rain shrunk the crowd to 8,500 at Kezar Stadium, but BT still managed to nip San Francisco St. Ignatius, 8-6.

In the Memorial Coliseum, heavier Los Angeles Loyola, the Southern California Catholic champs, beat down the Cowboys, 25-7 before a smaller than expected crowd of 15,000. Bing Crosby and his four sons were introduced after the third quarter, along with movie great George Raft and the producer of both Boys Town films (see box), John Considine.

Palrang's first state title came in 1945, when the Cowboys finished in a tie in the prep polls with undefeated Gothenburg. There was no playoff, but it became obvious in October that BT had become a legitimate power when Palrang's club upset No. 1 Creighton Prep, 7-6 before 13,000 fans at Creighton Stadium. In his only appearance on the field, sub QB Tommy Carodine blocked Prep's PAT attempt to win the game.

Although Catholic Central outweighed BT 25-pounds per man on the line, Carodine's

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two PATS were the difference in a 14-12 win, before 35,737 in Detroit. During the pre-game show, Father Flanagan kicked-off while the Rev. James Martin of Catholic Central held the ball.

Later in Baltimore, Flanagan was called "the nation's No. 1 humanitarian" by Clem Spring of the North Baltimore Optimist Club. Then his boys beat Loyola High, 26-0 before 18,000 paid fans. Flanagan was introduced at halftime by Maryland Governor Herbert O'Connor and Baltimore Mayor Ted McKeldin. All-state halfback Kenny Morris, a 5-11, 170-lb senior labeled "the Midnight Express of the Boys Town Flier," ripped Loyola with touchdown runs of 82 and 99 yards.

"We enjoyed that era a lot," said Morris years later. "Younger kids everywhere really looked up to us. Skip was a strong disciplinarian and pushed the team hard. Those

years taught me determination and the ability to stick to difficult assignments throughout my adult life."

After the Loyola win, Palrang's team visited President Truman at the White House, and Flanagan opened the Senate session with a prayer. His whole team was present. They then visited FBI Chief, J. Edgar Hoover, before departing for a game with Gonzaga Prep, champs of the D.C. private schools.

"There is no better education for a boy then traveling around the country, by train or plane, with his high school football team," said Palrang in the *Washington Post*.

Before 10,000 high school fans at College Park, "in a sea of mud from several days of rain," Gonzaga ended the Nebraskans 1945 campaign at 11-1 with a 9-0 shutout. Halfback Jimmy Mitchell, playing with the flu, was injured in the first half and BT's speedy attack ground to a halt. Peter Bucher, the Captain of the ill-fated ship *Pueblo*, captured by the North Koreans in 1968, was a starting tackle on that 1945 BT team.

The first real sign of jealousy among Omaha officials and coaches became evident in 1946. Playing a limited Nebraska schedule, (not of its own choosing), BT jumped to the top of the prep polls after a 31-0 rout of North Platte. Fullback Leonard Kroll, the state 100-yard dash champ, returned the opening kickoff 82-yards for a touchdown. Halfback Jimmy Mitchell, the Mayor of BT, scored three touchdowns.

Kroll, a 9.8 sprinter, scored five times against Jefferson, Iowa, a 52-6 BT win; four times against Sioux City Trinity, a 46-0 win; and four times against Missouri Valley in the rain, another 46-0 win.

Then the *Omaha World-Herald*, at the request of local school officials, dropped BT from their weekly poll. That fired up the Cowboys. Kroll ran wild, scoring three touchdowns (scoring runs of 90 and 65 yards were called back) during a 19-12 win over Creighton Prep, before 17,000 spectators. It was the largest prep crowd in Nebraska history.

On the road again, Carodine tossed touchdown passes to Kroll and Mitchell, and Lavern Busch, a 1945 all-state tackle, played a great game as BT beat Gonzaga Prep 25-0 before 10,000 in Seattle. Three weeks later, Kroll's four touchdowns got BT off to a fast

the crowds

45,000	.. Detroit Catholic Central 6, Boys Town 0, 1950
43,539	.. Boys Town 14, Detroit Catholic Central 14, 1943
39,033	.. Boys Town 20, Pittsburgh North Catholic 0, 1949
35,737	.. Boys Town 14, Detroit Catholic Central 12, 1945
35,666	.. Detroit Catholic Central 21, Boys Town 0, 1953
35,000	.. Boys Town 6, Detroit Catholic Central 0, 1952
28,057	.. Boys Town 14, Detroit Catholic Central 0, 1954
25,000	.. Boys Town 20, Detroit Catholic Central 6, 1956
*24,000	.. Boys Town 13, Lincoln Southside 0, 1935
23,411	.. Boys Town 32, Detroit Catholic Central 20, 1947
22,328	.. Rochester Aquinas (NY) 29, Boys Town 18, 1947
21,563	.. Detroit Catholic Central 7, Boys Town 0 1955
20,319	.. Rochester Aquinas (NY) 21, Boys Town 6, 1949
20,000	.. Boys Town 20, Detroit Catholic Central 7, 1948
20,000	.. Boys Town 14, Pittsburgh North Catholic 6, 1948
20,000	.. Boys Town 20, Pittsburgh North Catholic 0, 1949
20,000	.. Boys Town 19, Detroit Catholic Central 13, 1958
18,000	.. Boys Town 26, Baltimore Loyola 0, 1945
17,000	.. Boys Town 52, Jefferson (IA) 6, 1946
17,000	.. Boys Town 26, Omaha Creighton Prep 14, 1946
16,000	.. Omaha Creighton Prep 13, Boys Town 7, 1947
15,000	.. Boys Town 12, Washington D.C. Gonzaga 6, 1943
15,000	.. Los Angeles Loyola 25, Boys Town 7, 1944
15,000	.. Boys Town 27, Pittsburgh North Catholic 20, 1952
15,000	.. Boys Town 26, Minneapolis De La Salle 6, 1957
15,000	.. Boys Town 19, Pittsburgh North Catholic 19, 1957

*Double-header with Nebraska-Oregon State game

start, a 42-0 win over Miami Peter & Paul before 12,000 in the Orange Bowl. He finished the 1946 campaign with a city scoring record 164 points. Boys Town finished 11-0 and was rated one of the top 20 high school teams in the nation by the National Sports News Service.

"Father Flanagan was the nation's best salesman," says Kroll, currently a supervisor for AT&T in Phoenix. "Most of our big games were fund-raisers for the school. Like Skip, we had a lot of respect for Father Flanagan. When we took a train or plane to Detroit or Pittsburgh, he would give a speech to local civic groups in the different towns, like the Chamber of Commerce. He would tell them all about his poor, little orphan boys.

"If our line averaged 180-pounds, he would tell everybody we averaged 150-pounds. We would be lucky to get a first down. When we came out on the field to warm up, he asked them to give his boys a round of applause. Since we had no parents.

"He brought tears to their eyes, and money from their wallets," smiles Kroll, an orphan from Pensacola who enrolled at Boys Town in 1941. "He was something else. We'd play in front of 35,000 people in Detroit and half the crowd was cheering for Boys Town."

Kroll, like most multi-talented athletes at BT, played every sport and was a "big man" around campus. The Mayor of BT was elected each year by the high school students, and they usually selected an athlete or a member of their world-reknowned choir. Kroll was a mayor, and a popular one. He attended Notre Dame on a football scholarship, but two injuries, one to an eye, ended his football career.

Athletes like Kroll, Mitchell and Carrodine helped the Omaha school's national reputation skyrocket.

In a 1947 game, 22,328 high school fans in New York watched Rochester Aquinas Institute upset BT 29-18 after a near riot broke out over tickets. The record crowd was sold out one week prior to the game, and promoters estimated that 20,000 ticket requests were turned down. A local funeral parlor in

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Rochester got a call from a fan who wanted to know if they had recently buried anyone with a season pass to Aquinas games.

The season ended on a high note when senior Carrodine went 103-yards with a pass interception to help beat University High in St. Louis, 24-13. The Cowboys finished 8-2 and Carrodine was elected Mayor of BT.

It was in 1948 that Palrang brought his football machine to Phoenix and played St. Mary's High School at Montgomery Stadium. The game drew 10,000 spectators on a Saturday night, and BT won 19-6.

Junior halfback Danny Sievert, the 1949 Arizona player of the year, remembers that game. "Their reputation was bigger than



Tommy Carrodine,
Boys Town



Johnny Rodgers,
Omaha Tech

their football team," says Seivert, now in the insurance business in Phoenix. "I guess that was expected. We heard so much about them. Everybody had seen the movie. But I remember they had two or three really tough, hard-nosed players."

In fairness to BT, both starting halfbacks, Jimmy Gunnell and Roy Jefferson, missed the game with injuries. Boys Town lost only one game that year, St. Mary's five.

"The makeup of our team causes scheduling problems with local public schools," said the late Byron Reed, director of publicity for BT, to the Phoenix Press Box Association. "We've never had any problems with private or catholic schools. But with public schools it's a different story."

The 1948 team which played St. Mary's was a perfect example. Jefferson was from Chicago. Halfback Jimmy Tucker was from Portsmouth, West Virginia; halfback Stan Hinrichsen from Omaha; end Jake Williams from Arkansas City, Kansas; tackle Dean Ward from Austin, Texas; guard Al Miller from Springfield, Ohio; and center Cecil Schirtzinger from Columbus, Ohio.

Even though BT lost only one game in 1948, it was a sad year for the Cowboys. Father Flanagan died during a good will trip to Europe (see box). Msgr. Nicholas H. Wagner became the new director of the school. Prior to a 20-7 victory over Detroit Catholic Central, before 20,000 fans in the rain, Detroit Mayor Eugene Van Antwerp proclaimed Father Flanagan Day, as a tribute to the late founder who accompanied the team during three previous trips to the Motor City.

In 1949, BT dropped their last game to Aquinas Institute, 21-6 in New York, to finish 9-1 on the season. The game was played before 20,319 chilled fans on a frozen, slick turf. Boys Town brothers Vince and George Smith did the place-kicking that year. Before enrolling at BT, both had spent World War II in a Japanese prisoner of war camp in China.

Palrang had two sons, Art, currently of Caldwell, Idaho, and David, now of Topeka, Kansas. Both are doctors.

In 1948 and 1949, Art was a sophomore and junior at Creighton Prep. In 1950, he was in a Boys Town uniform when the Cowboys beat the Junior Jays, 13-0. "I really didn't get kicked out of Creighton," says the

younger Palrang, who scored the winning touchdown in the 1950 BT-Prep game on a tackle eligible play. "But they were as happy to see me leave as I was to go. I think Skip was kind of caught in the middle."

"It was an awesome sound when I was introduced that night in a Boys Town uniform. It was the first and last time I've ever heard that many people boo in unison. Fortunately for both my dad and myself, Boys Town won the game."

The 1952 campaign produced one of Palrang's best teams, although the Cowboys dropped their season-ending battle again with Aquinas Institute, 19-7 in New York.

They routed rival Creighton Prep, 47-6, when Charles "Deacon" Jones, the state mile champ, scored three touchdowns and John Medlock scored four. During a 6-0 win over Detroit Catholic Central, before 35,000

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fans, Miss America, Georgia's Neva Jane Langley, was crowned queen of the game at halftime.

In October of 1954, a late Pittsburgh passing spree handed BT their first loss during an 8-2 campaign in a great battle with North Catholic High. In the first half, Jim Thompson ran 64-yards with an interception, and Jim Brown tossed a 42-yard scoring aerial to spark BT's attack.

But North Catholic scored 23 points in the final period to upset BT, 30-27 before 10,000 fans at Forbes Field. Pittsburgh QB Wally Whitten was the star, tossing three TD passes to erase a 27-0 BT lead. The annual BT-North Catholic games were played for the benefit of the Pittsburgh Fireman's Widows' Pension fund.

A 19-19 tie with North Catholic, played before 15,000 fans in Pittsburgh in 1957, was the only blemish on Palrang's 7-0-1 schedule. It was this BT club which was quarterbacked by Wilburn Hollis, later a star at Iowa and in the CFL.

In 1958, BT finished 4-6 but won their last game with Detroit Catholic Central, 19-13, finishing the historic series at 9-4-1. Father Flanagan had formally applied for membership in the intercity football league before his death in 1948, and the push was on again.

No Bad Boys?

It really started in 1914. He worked three years at a Workingmen's Hotel, a refuge for drunks and criminals he futilely sought to reform, in Omaha.

"Then I realized they were grown men, set in their ways, and I searched into their beginnings for an answer."

The answer was that most, as boys, had been homeless or came from bad homes. So in 1917 the Rev. Edward Joseph Flanagan took two homeless newsboys, and three juvenile delinquents to live with him in a building rented with \$90 borrowed from a Jewish pawnbroker friend.

From that small beginning grew Boys Town, an incorporated village outside Omaha, where the worst punishment was to attend the movies with one's back to the screen.

For years BT was supported by private donations from the Midwest, and by the time World War II broke out had sent 5,000 graduates into society, 95% of whom "went straight." During the war, over 700 of Father Flanagan's boys served in the armed forces. Thirty-four were killed.

In 1938, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer heard of the school and made it into a \$1,000,000 movie that won Spencer Tracy an Oscar for his impersonation of Flanagan. Young Mickey Rooney played the school brat.

At first the picture didn't bring in the donations Flanagan hoped when, for \$1.00 for his name, and \$5,000 for his school, he permitted its filming. But it brought BT national fame and eventual-



Flanagan and friends.

ly enough money to care for as many as 500 boys at a time... and it made the kindly father - actually a monsignor since 1937 - a well-known authority on the problems of youth.

However, donations and national media attention increased dramatically after 1943, when Flanagan hired Maurice "Skip" Palrang away from Creighton University, and the two dreamed up an incredible cross-country football schedule that rivaled college teams.

But the first chapter closed on May 15, 1948, when the blunt-spoken, kindly director of BT died at age 61 of a heart attack in Berlin, Germany, where he had gone to advise the U.S. Army on youth problems.

"There is no such thing as a bad boy," said Flanagan in 1927. "Everybody starts out equal. You just have to get them aimed in the right direction."

At present, BT competed against all Omaha schools in basketball, track and baseball, but not football. However, the West Dodgers had the best swimming pool, gymnasium and basketball facilities in the area, a track with one of the few 220-yard straightaways, and one of the best lighted football fields in the United States.

But the answer was still *no*.

Boys Town finished 8-2-1 in 1960, including a 14-7 loss to one of the strongest public school programs in the Midwest, Sioux Falls Washington, South Dakota.

The city of Omaha produced two of the best teams in the nation in Omaha Central and Creighton Prep, which battled to a 0-0 tie on a wet field in October. Central led the nation's high schools in total offense, but finished in a tie with Prep in the polls for the state championship.

Central's backfield consisted of Vernon Breakfield, Charlie Gunn and Gale Sayers. But the real hullabaloo came after the season, when the local media picked Kent McCloughan, a white runningback from Broken Bow, as the state's athlete of the year, ahead of Sayers.

However, both made it big in the "big time," McCloughan with Nebraska and the Oakland Raiders, and Sayers with Kansas and the Chicago Bears. It was McCloughan, the Big Eight 100-yard dash champion in 9.4 seconds, who is credited with inventing the bump-and-run tactics used in the early years of the AFL by the Oakland Raiders' defensive backs.

When BT finished 10-0 in 1963, Palrang proclaimed the club to be his best. "That is the best team we've ever had," he said, after a 39-0 skunking of Council Bluffs Jefferson in Iowa. "Nobody could hold a candle to them when they weren't hurt."

BOYS TOWN

Palrang's traveling machine averaged 34.4 points, compared to 33.9 to his great 1946 club. They also produced one of his best-ever linemen, all-state tackle Tom Robbins, a 6-1, 200-pound senior. Finally, one year later, BT was admitted in the Metropolitan Conference.

Once the Cowboys officially joined the city league, the days of a national schedule faded into the past. Palrang's "misfits" were back in the rankings. They finished 8-1-1 in 1964, No. 2 in the polls to Creighton Prep, which beat BT 13-0. After the BT game, Creighton fullback Gernon Longo told the *World-Herald*: "What a thrill to beat them. Boys Town is the hardest hitting team we've ever had to play."

The great rivalry with Pittsburgh North Catholic ended with a 14-7 BT win, thanks to David McGuire's 95-yard run with the opening kickoff. Boys Town produced two exceptional all-state candidates, linemen Ken Gilchrist (5-11, 201) and Mel Hamilton (5-10, 202).

When the 1965 season had ended, Palrang had won himself another state football championship and finished with an 18-game winning streak. Highlights of the season included a 6-2 "defensive bloodbath" with Creighton Prep, a 36-7 rout of Sioux Falls Washington, and a sensational playoff win over Bellevue.

The Bellevue game, played at Rosenblatt Stadium, home of the College World Series, produced one of the most dramatic plays in BT history.

Sophomore Nate McKinney, who scored earlier on a 70-yard punt return and a 67-yard sprint, scored the clincher on a 54-yard reception with 54 seconds left in the game. Bellevue had scored the go-ahead TD with less than a minute to play. Boys Town then sent a handful of receivers out to the right, but threw to McKinney in the left flat. Pat Kenneally, a star Bellevue defender, hit the fleet sophomore immediately, but the elusive Cowboy spun away and was home

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free for 54 yards and the winning score: BT20, Bellevue 14.

"It was the greatest call in my 34 years with Skip at Boys Town," said an elated assistant Bill Ojile of Palrang's last-minute choice. "We worked on that play for years."

But the real key to Palrang's 1965 success was linebacker Ken Geddes (6-2, 198), a tremendous defensive player who later played with Nebraska, the Los Angeles Rams and the Seattle Seahawks.

Palrang's first talk of retirement came in 1967, after a season-ending 7-7 tie with Omaha North finished the Cowboys at 8-0-1, No. 2 in the polls. "This game is for younger

men," said the legendary mentor, after 9,000 fans had witnessed a classic struggle. He again produced two all-staters, McKinney, a senior by now, and tackle Dennis Binkowski (6-0, 190), whom Palrang called "as fine a tackle as I've ever coached."

In 1968, BT finished 8-2, losing by two touchdowns each to Omaha Benson and Omaha Westside. For the first time in history they had played every school in the city except Omaha Tech, which produced the city's scoring leader, Johnny Rodgers, later the Heisman Trophy winner at Nebraska.

Rival Creighton Prep kept Palrang from another unbeaten season in 1969 with a crushing 28-6 defeat before 9,500 fans at BT's plant. It was the last game of the season and kept Palrang from winning his 200th game at BT.

Then the bottom dropped out.

"The bottom fell out of the program before Skip quit," insists Art Palrang, like most members of the "old guard" unhappy with the program as it exists today. "I think it also mirrored the decline of the Boys Town athletic program in general. The school does not get the quality kids anymore. There have been many, many changes."

Today, the team competes against Class C competition. The football team is a member of the Centennial Conference. Gone is the historic 6,000-seat football stadium, replaced by family homes. Because of the emphasis on returning youths to their natural homes if at all possible, coaches may have a team member for as little as 18 months.

During the school's glory days under Flanagan and Palrang, a student might stay at BT for as long as eight years. Today, many students stay less than two. Housing has changed from dorms to family home living, as portrayed in the latest movie made for TV, *Miracle Of The Heart* starring Art Carney.

Chicago attorney Bill Maddux recalls quarterbacking teams in 1951 and 1952 with a sense of pride. "We were simply the best around, there's no doubt about it," says Maddux. "The best we could do was all coach Palrang would accept."

Palrang's last year came in 1971, and BT finished 2-5-1. They were murdered by Creighton Prep. The Cowboy's head coach, remembering the thrilling football battles with Prep, failed to bow out of the ancient rivalry on a pleasing note, and was trounced by the Junior Jays, 40-0.

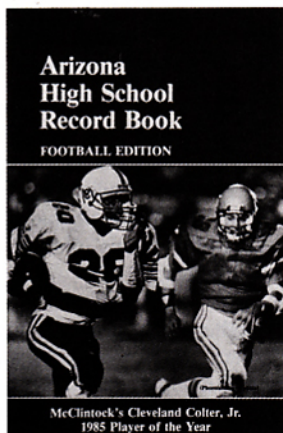
But on Monday night, November 9, 1971, his Cowboys gave him his final victory ride with a 22-7 win over Council Bluffs Lincoln - on Iowa soil.

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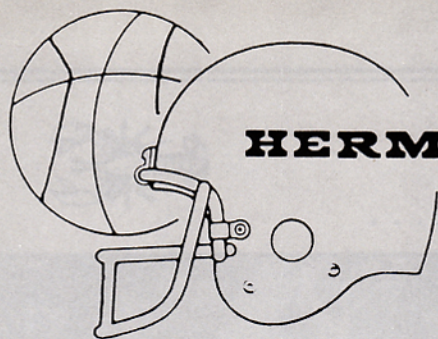
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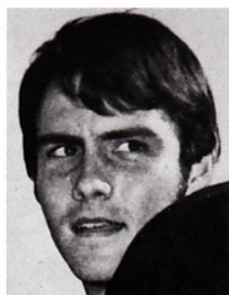
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1980..Jimmy Williams, Tempe, LB
1979..Todd Shell, Mountain View, LB
1978..Rory Barnett, Trevor Browne, RB (jr)
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1975..Brian Felix, Phoenix Union, RB/DB
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1970..Bill Crowe, McClintock, LB
1969..Danny White, Westwood, QB
1968..Bill Mannon, St. Mary's, QB
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1965..Bill Dunning, Mesa, RB
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1955..George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB
1954..George Greathouse, Phoenix Union, RB (jr)
1953..Kenny Aycock, North, RB
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1951..Bob Black, Phoenix Union, E
1950..Don Beasley, Mesa, FB
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1948..Gene Brown, Phoenix Union, FB
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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW PHOENIX AREA FOOTBALL . . .



1. The highest national ranking by an Arizona school, according to the National Sports News Service, was obtained by ...

- a) Phoenix Union, 1930 (12-0)
- b) Tucson, 1945 (11-0)
- c) North Phoenix, 1953 (9-0-1)
- d) Arcadia, 1962 (10-1)
- e) Tucson, 1970 (12-0)

2. Surprisingly, this Phoenix metro school, rich in football tradition, has recorded only one undefeated season ...

- a) Mountain View
- b) Mesa
- c) Gilbert
- d) St. Mary's
- e) Phoenix Central

3. "I don't know why everybody keeps asking me if they have a good football team, and I can't understand why everyone keeps putting them down. This team could play in the Big-8. They could play with anybody." What college coach said this about ASU in 1975?

- a) Barry Switzer, Oklahoma
- b) LaVell Edwards, BYU
- c) Tom Osborne, Nebraska
- d) Jim Young, Arizona
- e) John McKay, USC

4. Oklahoma head coach Barry Switzer (photo) is greeted at the Phoenix airport prior to 1976 Fiesta Bowl game with Wyoming. What former Phoenix metro athlete, now in the pros, is at Switzer's left?

5. What Phoenix metro school has produced the most first-team all-state football players, picked annually by the *Arizona Republic*?

- a) Phoenix Union
- b) Mesa
- c) Gilbert
- d) St. Mary's
- e) Phoenix Christian

6. Last year, McClintock QB Kent Kiefer completed his prep career by breaking national records for passing completion percentage in a season (68.1) and a career (66.3), held by what former pro star?

- a) Terry Bradshaw
- b) Joe Namath
- c) Joe Ferguson
- d) John Elway
- e) Pat Haden



7. Bob Facio of Gerard Catholic kicked the longest field goal in Phoenix history in 1977. How far was it?

- a) 60 yards
- b) 54 yards
- c) 49 yards
- d) 45 yards
- e) 40 yards

ANSWERS: 1) Phoenix Union in 1930 finished No. 1, Tucson in 1970 finished No. 3; 2) Mesa in 1963; 3) Tom Osborne; 4) Mesa's Mickey Hatcher; 5) Phoenix Union with 106, followed by Mesa with 94; 6) Pat Haden of the Los Angeles Rams, while a prepster at La Puente Bishop Amat, CA, between 1968-70 (67.9 and 62.0); 7) 54 yards.

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